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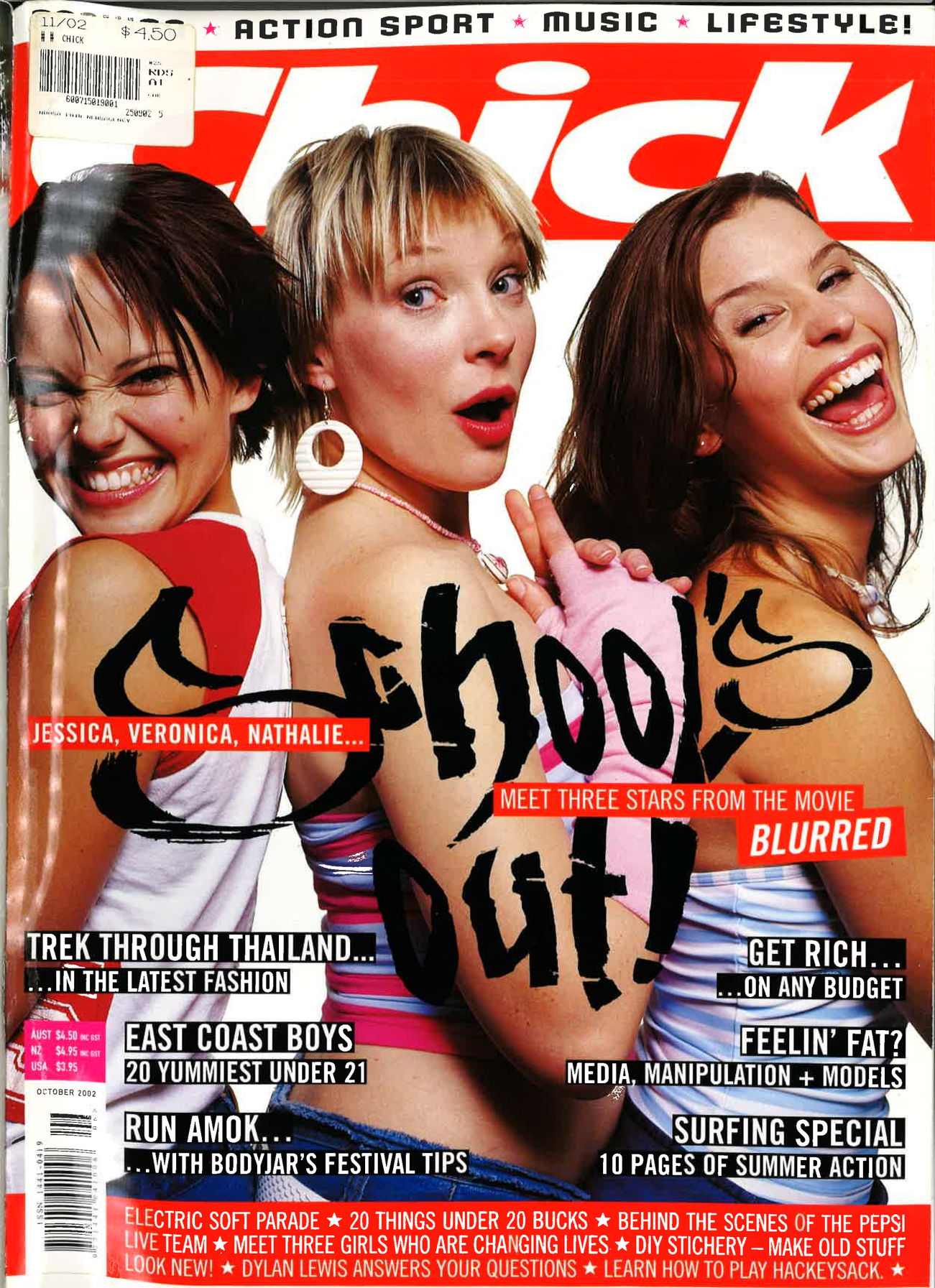

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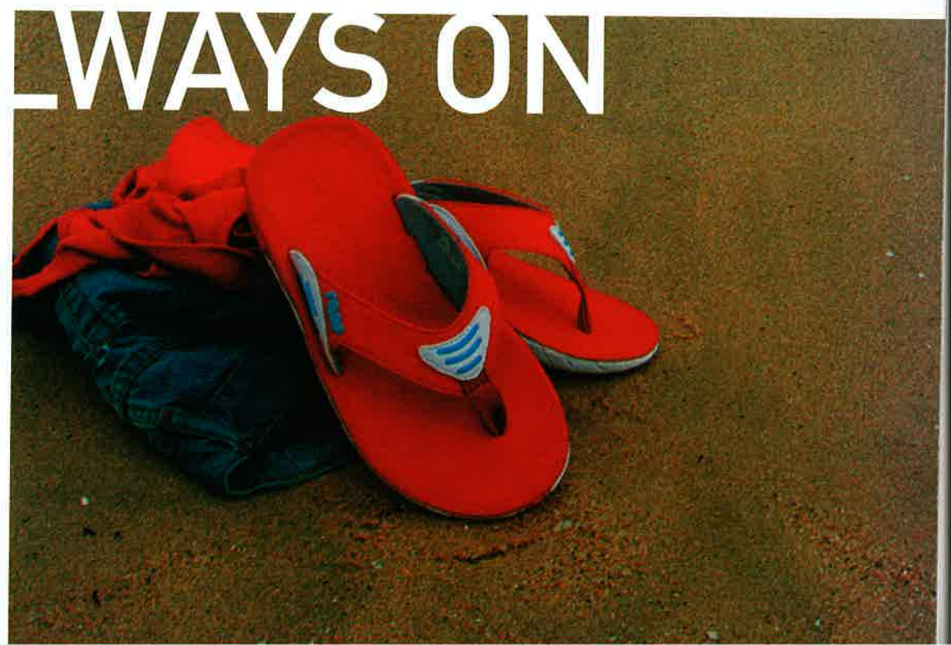

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JODI WAS SO STOKED TO BE AN AUSSIE, SHE BECAME OVERWHELMED.

First up before you start reading pat yourself on the back for being an Aussie. Who else gets a place where there's endless beaches, mountain ranges, cool people, friendly vibes and awesome weather – all in the same place? Because we're so stoked to be little Aussies we've dedicated a large chunk of this issue to Aussie people. Sometimes we get so drenched in other peoples' cultures and Hollyworld we forget what's going on in our own backyard – and there's usually lots of stuff!

So, to kick off this issue we talk to three chicks from the new Aussie flick *Blurred* – a film all about a mighty Aussie tradition – Schoolies Week. Plus get inspired by three Aussie chicks raising money for local causes. And just because you deserve it we've handpicked a fine selection of boys from the East Coast of Oz and slapped together a nice tidy perve section – don't forget to get your votes in! Then pull on your togs and head for some water – you'll need to after diving into "Summertime"!

And don't worry – we're not totally cutting you off from the rest of the world. Just for good measure we've thrown in an adventure through Thailand where we road test some pretty fresh fashion.

So now you're Ozspired, pack a tent, chuck the dog on the lead, start belting down the beach or just grab a vegemite sandwich and be stoked – you're one of the luckiest people in the world.

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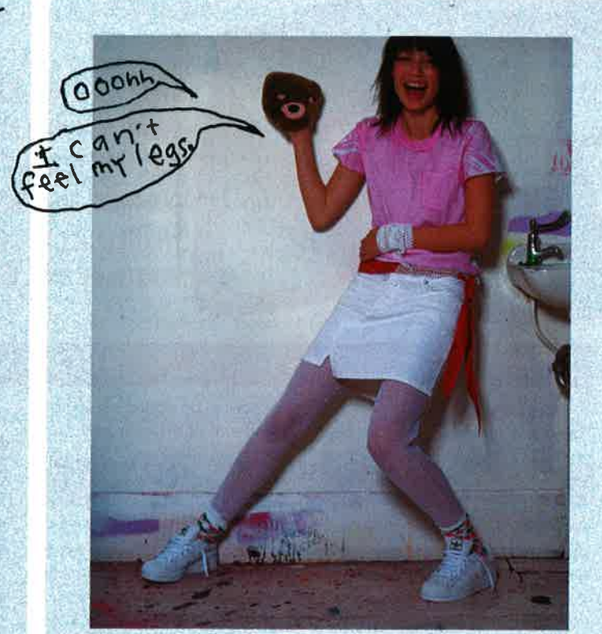

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LETTER OF THE MONTH

POSITIVE SELF-IMAGE

Dear *Chick*,

I'm not exactly what most people would call normal. I have blue hair, a nose ring and pipe cleaners in my hair. Plus I make the most of my own clothes. A lot of the people I used to be friends with don't talk to me any more and don't want to be seen with me, and a lot of people who don't know me say rude things when I walk past them. But I am not fazed by these things because I am not a prisoner of society. I have found myself and I'm happy with who I am. To those that have found themselves congratulations, and to those still looking – good luck.

See Ya.

Rachel, NSW

PS Thanks for your article on peer pressure.

BEING HONEST WITH YOURSELF GETS YOU GOOD PRIZES. – ED.

MORE COMPS PLEASE!

Hey *Chick* Mag!

I'm not being bitchy or anything by saying this and I hate being bossy, but seriously, I have to say can you guys have more comps in your mag? I can't keep my grubby hands off your comps, which are great, but so few!

Danza

HEY, WE'RE NOT BEING NICE OR ANYTHING BY SAYING THIS AND WE HATE OBLIGING TO ANY REQUESTS, SO HERE'S SOME MORE COMPS FOR YOU TO GET YOUR GRUBBY HANDS ON. – ED.

LIFE CHANGER ...

Hey guys,

I am one of those many people writing to tell you how your mag has changed my life. About a year ago I was a self-conscious anorexic with no confidence. Looking back I see how stupid I acted and how I was a totally different person. I wasn't me, I was the disease. Anorexia Nervosa is a disease that makes you weird inside and eats away at you until you can't take any more and break down. I was oblivious to it. I had no idea what I was doing to myself and my friends and my family! My mum had bulimia and anorexia when I was younger and growing up around her starving herself and at the gym 24/7 must have had an influence on me. I don't blame my mum for any of what I went through. In fact I see it as a milestone in my journey through life. It brought Mum and I closer because we are able to talk about it together and share our pain. This year I'm a nice 50 kgs and I am loving life. I realised it's what's inside that counts and reading your mag makes me feel so much better about myself. I open it up and it's full of bright, colourful pages about real chicks doing real stuff and I feel sooo good reading it! What I am trying to say is my experience was tough and there are hundreds of girls and guys going through it every day. And many people ARE oblivious to it, like I was. Also there are many people who turn a blind eye to it and not even know that their friend, daughter or even son are going through it! I really think there should be more awareness towards eating disorders – it should be taught in most schools to inform kids about it. I don't want anyone to go through the trauma I went through. I know it's hard living in a media-driven world where beauty is everything, but can't we just love what we have instead of always wanting more? Open your eyes and see the world for its potential, not for its money and TV and shopping (although that is very good sport). I'm not trying to be an activist or anything, but I just want everyone to be happy. Oh, and the whole world's population to learn to surf!!! Cheers guys! You rock!

Anon

ALL IN FAVOUR OF "EATING DISORDER EDUCATION" IN SCHOOLS RAISE YOUR HANDS! WE'RE IN! START SOME PETITIONS AND WE'LL BACK YOU ALL THE WAY. – ED.

BACK CHAT – YOUR SAY ON PAST ISSUES.

Hey *Chick*,

Well I am writing to say THANKS HEAPS for your article "One on One with your Oldies" by Kate Martin. I was having a really bad time with my parents. We NEVER seem to get along – especially Mum and me, we're always fighting, and no-one ever seems to want to say sorry. When I read your mag I tried negotiating with my mum, I also took note of the "putting yourself in their place" section and I totally understand. Now when an argument starts I calm down and quietly get my point across. I have a MUCH better relationship with my mum and dad, so THANKS! *Elle, NSW*

Hey!

I just wanna say thank you for your "Fire Up" article in *Chick* 23, but I also want to tell you of my experience after reading it! I thought it sounded pretty cool and my mate has one of those fire-stick thingys she cranks at parties. After losing half an eyebrow and a few eyelashes I finally got twirling and everyone was cheering and laughing and then the inevitable happened – everyone started yelling for me to go faster, so of course I sped up. To cut a long story short it slipped outta my hand and I dived outta the way because the whole thing was on fire. It landed near my jacket, which of course was flammable (just like the tag says). One of my mates, "Fireman" Joe, saved the day and put it out. Needless to say I won't be using the fire-stick any more (plus my mate won't let me near it!). Whatever happened to the saying "Don't try this at home kids!!"

Ness, NSW

UM ... DON'T TRY THIS AT HOME KIDS! – ED.

Dear *Chick*,

First I just want to say issue 23 was excellent! Reading through I got to an article called "Defeating the Enemy". It was a really helpful article – I can't exaggerate enough on how your article was so true!! It's hard to believe how many girls are like this. It's awful to know girls out there are dressing like others and talking like others to be known as a cool person. Guys are a big problem too. From other teen mags and ads on TV girls are under the impression that guys only go for supermodel skinny chicks. I know guys like skinny girls, but I also know guys like a bit of size 12-14. Guys have so many expectations of girls which I think makes girls wanna be perfect and not be themselves ... I would like to think people can be themselves and still wanna be someone's friend. Be yourself, who cares if you get funny looks from other guys, girls ... do what makes you happy.

Belinda, SA

DOES ANYONE EVER THINK MAYBE GUYS DON'T HAVE AS MANY EXPECTATIONS OF GIRLS AS GIRLS HAVE OF THEMSELVES? STEP BACK AND TAKE A LOOK AT THE BIG PICTURE – REALISE IT'S ALSO ABOUT WHAT YOU WANT FROM A GUY. GUYS ARE MORE SCARED OF GIRLS THAN WE THINK. BE YOUR REAL SELF, AND BE CONFIDENT AROUND GUYS AND YOU'LL NOTICE YOUR SIZE DOESN'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE. – ED.

ALL WORK AND NO PLAY SUCKS.

Dear *Chick*,

During this year I tackled Year 12 – it was certainly not the easiest thing I've done! During the first part of the year I was stressed and completely unsociable. I even started to push my friends away in order to get more work done. I really just wanted to do well and get a good job. The thing is this outlook was making me feel like it wasn't worth being alive to have a good job, if all life is about is hard work and no fun. Then, I was in the newsagent and I saw your mag, well things changed right then and there!! I got home and read some of the inspirational articles in the mag and realised that life is meant to be fun and it can't be serious all the time. Now I live life and enjoy it while still getting all the work done. So thanks *Chick* for a totally awesome mag, which encourages a positive outlook, and most of all fun!

Kat, SA

UM ... YOU DIDN'T TELL YOUR PARENTS ABOUT US DID YOU? – ED.

ARE MAGAZINES THE ENEMY?

Dear *Chick*!

I'm writing to complain about the girl in issue 24 who complained about people bitching about size 8 models in magazines. Yes, I agree with you that you should be happy with the way you look and not worry about the models, but isn't it kinda hard when magazines are giving you the impression that you have to be one size to look good and have boyz drooling over you. You shouldn't have to be a certain size to make clothes look good. If models didn't get so skinny in the first place body image wouldn't be an issue and all girls would feel equal and special no matter what their shape and size. I have had an eating disorder for two years because of pressure of magazines. I suffered Bulimia for a month and even stopped eating. I was losing 1kg a day and thought it was great, but I was getting really sick. So you see what mags can do to you ... It's why a lot of girls are suffering anorexia and bulimia and why it will just continue to grow.

Cassandra, WA

I AGREE. HOWEVER, I ALSO THINK AS SOON AS US GIRLS BEGIN TO ACCEPT THE FACT THAT WE CANNOT CHANGE THE WAY WE ARE MEANT TO BE NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES WE THROW UP. AS SOON AS WE ACCEPT THE FACT THAT IT IS WHAT'S ON THE INSIDE THAT COUNTS. AS SOON AS WE ACCEPT THE FACT THAT YOUR BODY IS NOT YOUR ENEMY BUT YOUR BEST FRIEND. AS SOON AS WE REALISE IT'S SOLELY UP TO OUR STRENGTH AND COURAGE TO LOVE OURSELVES FOR WHO WE ARE INSTEAD OF PUTTING UNREALISTIC WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS UPON OURSELVES TO BE PEOPLE WHO DON'T REALLY EXIST... MAGAZINES WILL NO LONGER INFLUENCE HOW WE LOOK AT OURSELVES (MORE ABOUT IT ON PAGE 50).

DISAPPOINTED.

Hey *Chick*,

Each month I really look forward to buying your mag, well this month sorry to say I was really disappointed. Opening the mag the first thing I thought was 'had I bought the wrong mag?' What's happening *Chick*? You used to write such cool stuff on extreme sports and stuff, and loads on skateboarding. This month there wasn't a thing on skating. I realise you have to write for lots of different people and not just skaters, but the reason I think that people buy your mag is 'cos it's different. It isn't like the other girly mags with their massive fashion pages taking up most of the mag, and gossip about the hotties. If we want to read that we can choose a whole number of mags. I get *Chick* because it's one of a kind. It's about my favourite thing in the world – skateboarding, as well as other extreme sports, but it's not aimed at guys like all other skateboarding mags. Don't get me wrong, I love your mag, but I'm just saying please don't turn all girly on me. Let's have more articles and photos on the extreme stuff, and sports, and a little less gossip and girly chat. Keep it up guys.

Whitney, New Zealand

DID YOU CHECK OUT ISSUE 24 WITH THE WORLD'S FIRST ALL-GIRLS SKATEBOARDING TOUR? PLUS KEEP A LOOKOUT IN THE NEXT ONE (26) FOR A WHOLE SECTION ON EXTREME CHICKS. WE LIKE TO PUT A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING IN EACH MAG, BUT WHEN WE GET A SCOOP ON SOME MAJOR HAPPENING WE'LL PLUG IT TEN FOLD. KEEP THE COMMENTS COMING CHICKS – WE LOVE IT, CRITICISM AND ALL. – ED.

STICKS AND STONES MAY BREAK MY BONES ...

Yo *Chick*,

I'm a 14-year-old chick who absolutely loves your mag!!!! I skate, surf, ride my bike, rollerblade, bodyboard – anything that looks fun. I am very small with orange hair and I often get teased because of that, but it doesn't effect me because I don't care what other people say. I think that the most important thing in life is to be yourself whether you're fat, skinny, tall, short or just an individual. No matter what you look like you should enjoy life to the max and let nothing get in your way. Everybody deserves a fair go and I really think your mag does a great job in encouraging people of that. Keep up the good work, because as corny as it may sound, you guys do a great job.

Lea, WA

NOT CORNY AT ALL – WHAT ELSE ARE WE GOOD AT? – ED.

5 MINUTES WITH... NOOGIE

We cornered Alex from Sydney band Noogie, just one of many awesome young bands who'll be appearing on the 'New Music Stage' at this month's M-One Festival.

Although for most bands that's a big break, it seems Noogie's already got friends in high places. Here, Alex spills the beans on Mandy Moore, The Olsen Twins and *Home and Away's* Melissa George.

C: So you guys are from Sydney's Northern Beaches, but you're signed to a label in the US. How'd that come about?

A: Our manager took over a demo in '99, while he was there looking after another band. He slid it to this record executive, who happened to like it. They needed to see more, so we sent a home video we'd made for about $500. It was just us skating around, looking like tough little hooligans (laughs). Then we got a contract – it was pretty simple actually. We weren't expecting anything!

C: So are all you guys around the same age?

A: Yep, we all went to school together. They're all turning 21 in the next few weeks.

C: So you're the eldest. Does that mean you can beat 'em all around a bit?

A: (Laughs) I wish! I'm the oldest, but not the biggest.

C: I heard you guys have a song on a movie soundtrack too?

A: We've got a couple. There's a song on Mandy Moore's *A Walk To Remember*. It was a cover we'd did of "Friday On My Mind" – the old Easy Beats song. The record company liked it, so they got it involved and we went and watched the premiere and all that.

C: You mentioned other soundtracks?

A: Yeah, you know those Olsen twins? I think they were on the sitcom *Full House*. They're like 16 now, and they've got their own magazine, their own TV show – they're absolutely dominating. They're doing all their own movies too, and somehow they'd heard of us and included a track in their movie. We didn't even know until someone mentioned it, it's not like we met them or anything! There are others too, like a movie called *Sugar and Spice* (laughs). Remember Melissa George from *Home and Away*? She was in it, it's a teen movie about cheer girls and jocks playing football (laughs).

C: So do you guys make big bucks from these soundtracks?

A: Not really, up until a few months ago we were working in service stations and at night packing shelves at the supermarket. We haven't exactly been rolling in money, but we've had enough from publishing and advances to keep us kicking. Just enough to live on really, three of us are still living at home.

C: Since you're signed to a US label, have you toured the States much?

A: We went over there in 2000 to tour LA, San Fran, Portland, Seattle, Chicago and New York. It was so awesome! We were just out of school yet staying at the Hyatt on Sunset Boulevard. It was hard to believe. We even had a driver with a sports car, and he had to take us wherever we wanted to go. We fully got the royalty treatment!

C: So how was settling back into normal life on the Northern Beaches, no chauffeur, no Hyatt?

A: That pretty much sucked! (laughs). We went back later that year, and we're just on our way back there now for a two-week showcase in LA. I'm looking forward to getting spoilt again!

C: You guys are also appearing at M-One. Will this be the biggest gig you've done?

A: We've done a gig with No FX and Jebediah, and support slots with Grinspoon, Fuel, and The Whitlams. But M-One is going to be the biggest for sure ... It's going to be different, there's going to be people there from 16 to 65. We're pretty excited about playing, and watching the other bands. Especially Garbage, just because they're such good musos and they've got all this fancy equipment. I've heard they have these side-stage guys mixing sound, and these little earplugs to hear their own personal mixes and stuff. I want to see how good it sounds live. Oh yeah, plus I want to see Billy Idol! It'll be mad.

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Looking for some cool and comfy footwear this summer? For 60 smackers Sumo Health Sandals could be what you're looking for. They come in three different designs and a range of colours and are packaged in a funky, take-away noodle box. They've also got little moulded bumps along the footbed that massage your feet as you cruise along. Call Atomic Fashion Marketing on **07 3852 5411** for more info.

Chill out ...

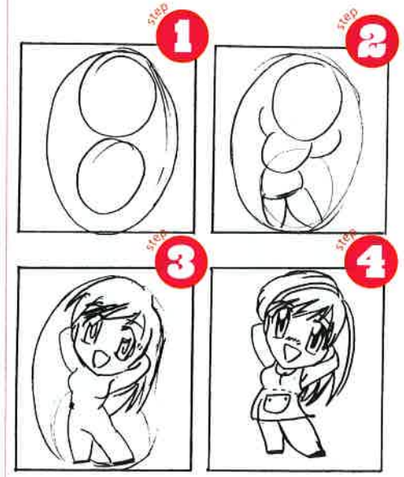
Things like drinks, salads and sandwiches don't stay cold for long in the summer sun, so solve the problem with a Roxy Eski. Its pretty pastel stripes will look good wherever you take it and it's big enough to fit a six-pack in. Perfect for picnics and beach barbecues, you can pick one up for $49.95. Call Roxy for stockist info on **1800 805 506**.

Good stuff ...

The Brita Fill & Go water bottle is a little different to most. It comes with a built-in filter to get all the nasties out of tap water. It reduces the amount of chlorine in the water you drink and the filter reduces bad tastes and smells from H2O. You can pick one up at Big W for around $14.95 and have clean, pure-tasting water wherever you go.

a 'little' more manga

Fancy yourself a bit artistic? Manga is a cute Japanese-style drawing and we can show you how to do it. Pick up and pencil, give it a go and send us the results. If we like what we see you might get published! Follow our step-by-step tips and stay tuned for more Manga in the next couple of issues.



Tiny tot characters are generally two-to-three head body sizes – top to bottom.

1 Establish the space of the drawing. Draw two heads to act as yardsticks for balance.

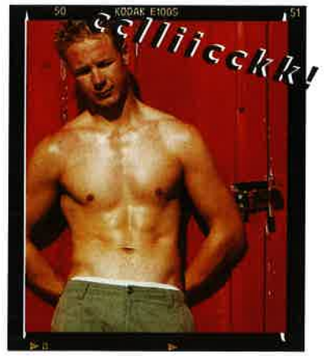
2 Give shape to rough pose.

3-4 Draw in the details simplifying all features.

drawings taken from *How to Draw Manga* available through orders@bookwise.com.au

SPOT A hottie

We asked for hotties and you chicks came up with the goods. This issue please welcome Dean! Hottie spotter Brianna, got the scoop!



Nickname > Didzy

Likes > Waterskiing, wakeboarding, snowboarding, the sun, music and anything adventurous.

Dislikes > Cold, wet weather, dishonest people, negative people, losing.

Ultimate goal in life? "To be rich and famous."

Brianna's call > "He's got a great personality and perve potential!"

WE WANT TO SEE THE SPUNKS IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD!! SEND US A CLEAR HEADSHOT OF YOUR CHOSEN BOY ALONG WITH THEIR NAME, AGE AND CONTACT NUMBER. FIND OUT A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THEM, PACKAGE IT ALL UP WITH YOUR NAME, AGE AND CONTACT NUMBER AND SEND IT TO CHICK MAG "SPOT A HOTTIE", PO BOX 823, BURLEIGH HEADS, QLD. 4220. GET THEM IN QUICK AND YOUR HOTTIE COULD APPEAR IN THE NEXT ISSUE!!!

LO-CUT II

EVOLVED FROM THE ORIGINAL ETNIES LO-CUT SKATE SHOE. THIS TIME HOWEVER, WE ADDED A MORE CLASSIC ATHLETIC LOOK TO ITS FRAME. A CUT EVA MIDSOLE GIVES AN OLD-SCHOOL FLAVOR TO THIS CLASSIC STYLE.

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PIC > GRAMBEAU

CHICK "GO GET 'EM TIGER!" AWARD
WHERE WE SALUTE CHICKS WHO RULE!

Surfing sensation **Layne Beachley** sure doesn't want much. She's already scored three world crowns, and **has ridden the largest wave ever tackled by a female**. Now she's the only girl on the Billabong Odyssey, where 100-foot waves are the target ...

When asked if that's even humanly possible, she was optimistic;

"I saw Ken Bradshaw ride a 40-foot wave, which had a face of 85 feet. I think at that size, five or 10 feet means nothing (laughs). You'll always be travelling at 40 to 50 miles an hour on a wave that big. As long as your mind, your body, and your board can handle it, it can be done. It's just a mindset."

Seems like she's already got that mindset in action. That's her above, off to an awesome start in her big-wave hunt at a reef never ever surfed before.

Heaven giveaway

TALK ABOUT AN APPROPRIATE NAME! WE'VE GOT ABSOLUTE HEAVEN UP FOR GRABS; FIVE PACKS WITH A BIKINI, HEAD SCARF, KEYRING AND CALENDAR. VALUED AT 100 BUCKS EACH, TO PUT YOURSELF IN THE RUNNING SIMPLY TELL US YOUR IDEA OF HEAVEN IN 25 WORDS OR LESS. SEND ENTRIES ALONG WITH YOUR CLOTHES SIZE, NAME, AGE, AND CONTACT DETAILS TO CHICK 'HEAVEN COMP', PO BOX 823, BURLEIGH HEADS, QLD. 4220. ENTRIES CLOSE OCTOBER 25TH, 2002.

besties

BESTIE FILE

Talitha and Crystal

Best friends for ... almost 4 1/2 years, ever since we both started a new school together!

Crystal > Talitha is my best friend ever because she is always there to lift my spirits. She's fantastic to be around because life is never boring! If I could have any of her personality traits it would be her outgoing sense of humour and energy. It's never-ending!

Talitha > Crystal is my best friend because I can trust her and am able to tell her anything. I also love her because she's unique and different and not afraid to be exactly who she is. If I could have any of her personality traits it would be her ability to express herself in the strangest ways possible.

One word to describe our relationship? Crazy and a lot of FUN!

WHAT MAKES YOUR BEST FRIEND SO SPECIAL? IF YOU WANT YOU AND YOUR BEST FRIEND TO APPEAR IN OUR BESTIE SECTION SEND US A CLEAR HEAD SHOT OF YOU AND YOUR MATE/S (WE PREFER PHOTO-BOOTH SHOTS) AND TELL US WHY YOUR MATE/S IS/ARE THE BEST. SEND ALL ENTRIES TO CHICK 'BEST MATES', PO BOX 823, BURLEIGH HEADS, QLD. 4220. SEND 'EM IN NOW AND YOU COULD BE PROFILED NEXT!

SMS text

Download the *Chick's* rock logo to your very own phone for only $2.20 (higher from mobile and pay phones). If you don't have a mobile phone you could always copy down the logo and stick it on a walkie talkie and pretend. Go on, take a little piece of *Chick* with you everywhere.

Steps

1. If you're under 18, make sure you ask your parents before you call so you don't get your arse kicked. Then dial 1902 213 201 and have your *Chick* code handy. The code is 112803.
2. Follow the instructions and input the the code for your selection.
3. Sweet!! Wait a few moments and your logo is on its way to find a happy home in your phone.

park your butt...

THE ADVENTURES OF PLUTO NASH.

Release Date: Oct. 02

Eddie Murphy's back as Pluto Nash, owner of a happenin' little night-club on Mars. The year? 2087, which makes this out-of-this-world comedy even more far-fetched!

SIMONE.

Release Date: Oct.17

Starring Al Pacino and Catherine Keener, this is a tale of a film producer who creates a virtual star – then faces the consequences of trying to keep her "real" identity a secret.

DIVINE SECRETS OF THE YA YA SISTERHOOD.

Release Date: Oct. 24

Sandra Bullock stars as a daughter sick of her mother's eccentric behaviour. Then by mail, a diary detailing her mom's adventures in her youth arrives. As Bullock reads she is swept away into her mother's colourful past.

indoor distractions

tidbits...

PROBLEMATIC PROMATIC.

Meet the latest hip-hop sensations, Promatic. Starring D12 member Proof,

and Detroit legend Dogmatic, they joined the recent US Anger Management Tour with Eminem and Ludicrous. Proof, who's also appeared with Eminem on the *MTV Movie Awards* and *Saturday Night Live*, reckons "We've come up with a sound, our own sound." Dogmatic goes a step further – "It's some different shit, the missing link to hip hop." Yeah, whatever. The music's good, but the homophobic and sexist lyrics are about as innovative as a reinvention of the wheel.

WEB WONDERS.

Clothing labels Roxy and Voodoo Dolls have both launched new websites. Have a squiz at **www.roxy.com** and **www.voodoodolls.com** to suss out the newest girls in the cyber neighbourhood.

SNAKE!

Gone are the days where snake and tetris were the only lame games you could play on your mobile – well nearly anyway! Activision, who publish action game titles like Tony Hawk's Pro Skater, and Jamdat – who've already brought Tiger Woods' golf game to mobile handsets – recently announced they'll be developing games for Brew and J2ME wireless phone platforms. Won't be hitting our shores for a while, but keep you eyes peeled!

crank up the stezza...

Local produce – a few tunes from our own fine shores.

THE D4, 6 TWENTY.

Already notorious in NZ, Kiwi lads D4 sure know how to kick out the jams. Explosive in that old school rock style that's seen The Vines rise to stardom, think AC/DC meets The Ramones, only more hyper than a kindy kid on red cordial.

ANOTHER RACE, TAG AND RELEASE.

Although they formed in '95 and have played a billion live gigs, this is AR's first full-length release. But it's been worth the wait – as far as metal rap fusions go these lads are heading the pack. Fierce, tight and full of bite.

ANTISKEPTIC, MEMOIRS OF A COMMON MAN.

Crossing pop-punk with power rock, this debut delivers fine tracks that seem equally inspired by Foo Fighters as it is Jimmy Eat World. Expect to see 'em at a venue near you soon; they're playing at M-One and the Blackstump festival this month.

MACHINE GUN FELLATIO, PAGING MR. STRIKE.

These crazy critters will get you grooving to the frantic funk they do so well. Naughty yet oh so nice. If you've ever stood and watched their live performances in awe, do yourself a favour and bag yourself a copy.

dvd's and vids...

METROPOLIS, DVD.

Release: Buy to own from Oct 16.

If you're an anime buff, you can't go past this Japanese masterpiece. Awesome scenery detail and a plot that swings from sci-fi staples of man vs machine, to human issues concerning social status and even love – this flick's got the lot. Well worth a squiz!

ROXY LEARN TO SURF, NOW. VIDEO.

Release: Out now.

You could call the increase of interest in women's surfing a cultural phenomenon, but you sure can't call it a fad. This vid delves into the rich history of women on waves, gets you inspired to give it a go, then shows you how – all in one sitting! Half doco/half-instructional, there's something here for every surfer girl; from fastening a leg rope to footage of the best surfer chicks around. We've got six copies to give away – just be the first to email **cazarelo@morrisonmedia.com.au** and mention "Roxy surf, NOW!"

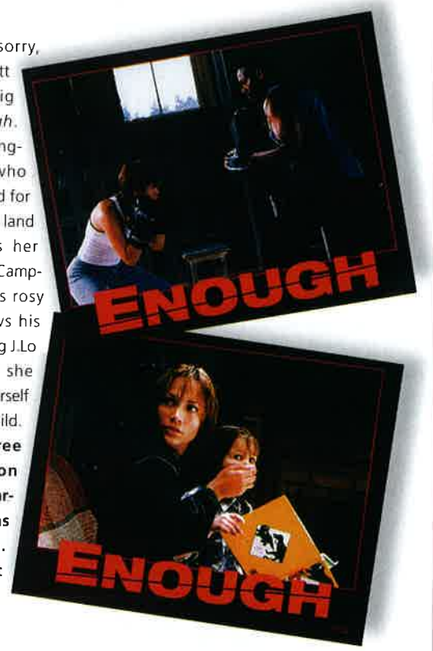
win...

KELLY SLATER'S PRO SURFER.

Ever wondered what the life of a pro surfer is like? Out on PS2, X Box, Game Cube and GBA, this game allows you to pose as one of nine of the most famous pro surfers on tour, including Kelly, Lisa Anderson or Oz's own Tom Carroll. Take on missions to exotic locations and interact with sponsors, magazines and photographers. The world of pro surfing really is at your fingertips! We've got five copies to give away. To score tell us about another lifestyle you'd love to delve into.

ENOUGH.

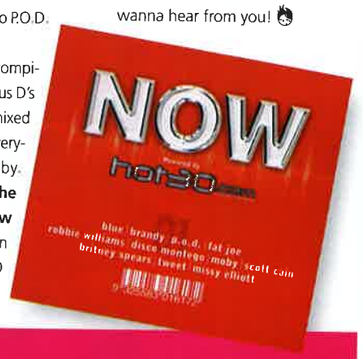
Jennifer Lopez (sorry, J.Lo) brings her butt back to the big screen for *Enough*. She plays a working-class waitress who thinks she's headed for white picket fence land when she meets her future hubby (Billy Campbell). Everything's rosy until hubby shows his psycho side – forcing J.Lo to toughen up if she wants to protect herself and their young child. **We've got 50 free double in-season passes, valid at participating cinemas Australia wide. First in, best dressed!**



NOW.

Got musical tastes that span from Alex Lloyd to Missy Elliot and back to P.O.D. again?

Well, you're in luck. This compilation is broader than Tenacious D's waistlines. If you're after a mixed bag of tune treats, there's everything from Britney to Moby. **We've got 15 copies for the first who can tell us just how broad their lives are.** Captain of the school knitting club AND champion Moto X rider? Ballet student AND part-time WWF wrestler? We wanna hear from you!



GIVEAWAYS.

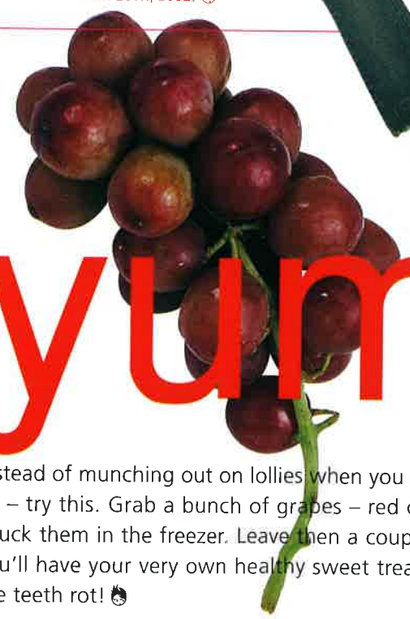
Step1 > Address all entries according to prize (ie: to win Now CD, write 'Now Comp') at Chick Magazine, PO Box 823, Burleigh Heads, Q. 4220.

Step 2 > Include your answer, plus name, age and contact details on the back of the envelope.

Step 3 > Put a stamp on it and cross your fingers. Also helps if you put it in the post box.

Insight giveaway

THE RAD PEOPLE AT INSIGHT HAVE BUFFED US WITH THREE CLOTHING PACKS WORTH A WHOPPING 180 BUCKS EACH. TO GET YOUR HANDS ON PAIR OF GOLDEN DIRTY JEANS AND FLY AWAY SHIRT GIVE US YOUR INSIGHT. TELL US THE THREE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS ABOUT A MAGAZINE THAT WOULD MAKE YOU BUY IT. WRITE YOUR ANSWERS ON THE BACK OF AN ENVELOPE ALONG WITH YOUR NAME, AGE, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER AND SEND TO CHICK "INSIGHT COMP", PO BOX 823, BURLEIGH HEADS, QLD. 4220. ENTRIES CLOSE OCTOBER 25TH, 2002.



yum!

Instead of munching out on lollies when you need a sugar fix – try this. Grab a bunch of grapes – red or green and chuck them in the freezer. Leave then a coupla hours and you'll have your very own healthy sweet treats – without the teeth rot!

Sunindi giveaway

SLIDE STRAIGHT INTO SUMMER MODE WITH SOME SLICK SANDALS, PLUS A BELT TO BOOT!

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September 25-October 5 > Perth Royal Show

It's that time of year again people of Perth! Get down to the Royal Show at Claremont Showgrounds. Go on scary rides, run amok in Wilbur the Worm and get yourself a wicked *Chick* show-bag full of goodies.

COMBO 000

October 13 > Friendship Day

Grab you mates and celebrate! Friendship Day is a good excuse to show your friends how much they mean to you. Take one out to lunch, send them a little card or give her some flowers. Just have fun, because that's what friends are for!

wot's happening?

OCTOBER 7-27 > THE INTENSIVE CARE APPEAL

Every year Intensive Care Units in Australia help 100,000 people and 85% of them survive. That's a whole lotta lives they save! You can help their cause and buy one of their fundraising wristbands for $2 from ANZ, BI-LO and Coles. So give a gold coin and support a good cause – you never know when you or someone you love might need their help.

ALL THROUGH OCTOBER > MAKE A WISH FOUNDATION.

If you find any spare dosh this summer throw it out to a good cause like the Make a Wish foundation – which helps thousands of children's wishes come true. You can either donate any cash or make a little kid's day in more ways than one by purchasing a wishing fairy – available from leading department stores from October. For more information log on to **www.makeawish.org.au**

October festival madness > Livid

Traditionally a Brisbane event, this year Livid is bringing festival fun to Melbourne and Sydney. The lineup includes the likes of Powderfinger, Oasis, George, Grinspoon, Unwritten Law, Bad Religion, Sum 41, Something For Kate, Machine Gun Fellatio, Motorace, Bodyjar and more. Ooooh goody!

Saturday October 12 > Brisbane – RNA Showgrounds

Saturday 19 October > Melbourne – Melbourne Park

Sunday 20 October > Sydney – Moore Park

All through October > Roxy Surf Jam

Grab your board, a wettie and your mates for a free day of fun at the Roxy Surf Jam. Happening at beaches all over the country, you can learn a bit more about surfing and water safety and meet other surf chicks in your area. All female surfers are welcome. Call Surfing Australia on **03 5261 2907** for details or check out **www.roxy.com.**

October 17 > Avoca

October19 > Manly

October 20 >Cronulla

October 26 > South Australia

October 27 > West Australia

Winners From Issue 23

sandolls giveaway

MISSION > Get down to your nearest beach or sandpit and start creating a masterpiece.

WINNERS > 3

Sand sculptors **Laura Young** (NSW), **Emma Rowland** (WA), **Louise Stanford** (QLD) impressed us with their original concepts and sandy handiwork!

skipping girl giveaway

MISSION > Help us do a little interior decorating.

WINNERS > 4

The *Chick* office is decked out and redecorated thanks to these winners. **Sam Bradder** from Perth WA. **Estelle Cutting** (VIC), **Tennille Ellis** (NSW), **Samantha Westwood** (VIC). **Lucy Tessoriero** (Qld).

exclusive rights giveaway

MISSION > Tell us one right you have as a teenage girl living in Australia.

WINNERS > 2

Fight for your rights! **Mei Yee Fong** (NSW) – "In Australia we girls have the right to pursue any career we wish regardless of our nationality or sex. We have the right to be equal to males." **Blanche Griffin** (NSW) – "The right to be me, my own individual self and not having to try and be someone else."

triple j giveaway

MISSION > Tell us what musician or band you'd wanna meet if you had the chance.

WINNERS > 20

Jane Currie (VIC), **Emma Fitzpatrick** (NSW), **Gina Sanelli** (VIC), **Carlene Wall** (QLD), **Briana Trimble** (UK), **Alicia Banks-Hore** (VIC), *Simone Thomas* (VIC), **Leesa McDonald** (QLD), **Angela James** (QLD), **Brooke Ravey** (QLD), **Casey Loudan** (WA), **Alex Peters** (VIC), **Amy Elysee** (NSW), **Tara Ross** (QLD) **Bek Boehm** (ACT), **Ulrika Svilans** (QLD), **Kirily Bowden** (QLD), **Lisa Campbell** (QLD), **Jane Sinclair** (QLD), **Sally Herston** (QLD).

surf angel giveaway

MISSION > Come up with a new tag line for *Chick* Mag.

WINNER > 1

Lauren Forrest (QLD) – "The real mag for real chicks!"

Starlet

PIC > STEVE GULLICK

ELECTRIC SOFT PARADE.

★ WHO ARE THEY?
Tom, 17, and his brother Alex, 19, from Bristol, England.

★ WHAT'S THEIR STORY?
Tom started writing songs from the age of 12. They've released three independent records since '98, and have just launched their major label debut Holes In The Wall.

★ WHERE YOU MIGHT HAVE HEARD THEIR NAME ...
They toured OZ to critical acclaim a few months back, and tracks "Sleep Alone" and "Start Again" have had steady airplay ever since.

Tom fills us in on nine things you mightn't know about Electric Soft Parade.

Fights.

"At first we had a few arguments or whatever. When we get bored, we fight – but we haven't had a chance to get bored for a very long time! It's been pretty exciting, playing different places every day. It's keeping us well and truly occupied."

Finishing each other's sentences.

"It's like we're exactly the same person in two separate bodies. Finishing each other's sentences, or coming out with the same thing at exactly the same time. I think that comes from being brothers and just doing the same things together for so long. It's a totally natural thing – even friends do that!"

Shared interests.

"Everything! Well, probably less so musically, more in terms of life. The same art, the same films, the same books. Movies by Alfred Hitchcock, and Stanley Kubrik's *The Shining*. It's funny, if we see something or read something, we both have a very similar opinion of it. The same angle on how we interpret it."

Parents.

"Dad gets into a lot of classical music, that's his thing. He plays piano and clarinet. Mum's not really musical at all. She really likes Brian Ferry – but only 'cos she fancies him! Dunno about the music! But our parents weren't pushy, and they didn't make us like what they liked. It was just there, they never forced anything on us."

Three's company.

"Just before we signed, the bassist half left, half got thrown out! Not in a nasty way, he just wasn't as committed as we'd have liked. You want someone who's going to stand by you – handle the pressures of touring and do this exclusively. He wasn't prepared for that – he wanted to go to college, which is fair enough."

Girlfriends.

"I've got a girlfriend. We've been going out for a year and a half. It was hard at first; I'd chat to her three times a day because I'd miss her so much. I guess I was trying to feel a connection between where I was, and what I was doing, with my normal life at home.

You just learn there's no hope of ever achieving that. So now when I'm away, I totally blank everything out and get on with the job. The more I call, the lonelier I feel, and the more homesick. So if I want to enjoy a tour, the less I call the better. It's hard, but at the same time it's easier on us both. That's the best way to look at it."

Age VS talent.

"Either people don't like us, and then age doesn't come in to it, or they're like "Wow, they're really great AND they're really young."

On other Pommie bro band, Oasis.

"I think they were under a lot of stress, and a lot of stuff was thrust upon them in the first few years. You know how if things aren't going your way, the first person you take it out on is the person closest to you? Not many other bands have to tour with their family, and they just happened to be brothers. So it's normal really. It's just taken them a while to learn to deal with their situation and adjust to it. But we're nothing like them, not musically – and certainly not personality wise!"

Their sound.

"The easiest way to describe our music is slightly psychedelic, hard pop rock. But I hate that question, or when people ask us why we think people should like our band. There's really no reason why people should like us! If they do, it's a for a mixture of different things. We actually have opinions and we actually have personalities, and hopefully it comes through in the music. If it doesn't, well that's too bad ... innit?"

SKIPPING GIRL PERPEX CUFF > 10.

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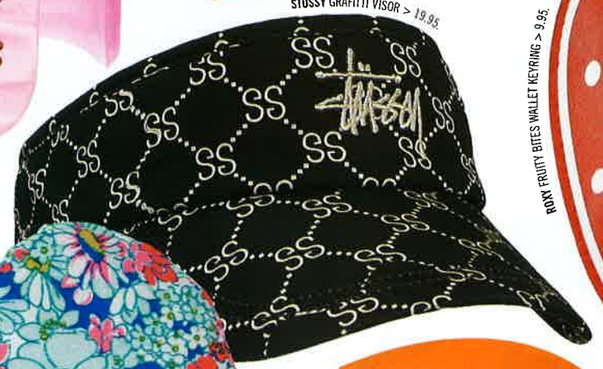

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BLURRED

JESSICA NATHALIE VERONICA

Things have been pretty quiet on the Australian teen movie scene of late, but all that's about to change with the release of *Blurred*. It's fresh, it's funny and it's all about Schoolies Week.

Schoolies. It's renowned Australia-wide as the place to celebrate for students who have finished school for ever. "They've" tried a bunch of stuff to stop the Schoolies tradition by discouraging kids from flocking to the Gold Coast at the end of every year, but pure power of numbers won out and the tradition's still going stronger than ever.

These days 70,000 make the annual pilgrimage to the Gold Coast and Schoolies Week is promoted with package deals and party tours. The local council provides free gigs and entertainment and the local bottle shops triple their weekly sales. The punters are there to have fun and let loose after a hard school year and that's exactly what they do! And now, someone's made a movie about it.

While the film is more about the journey to get there than the actual event, you still see a realistic portrayal of Schoolies – sex, drugs and drinking. It follows four different groups of friends, fresh out of school, making their way to the Gold Coast. It's about the difference between expectations and reality and what happens when things don't go to plan. It's a road trip movie, a rites of passage movie and one that features a cast of some hot young Australian actors, including Nathalie Roy, Jessica Gower and Veronica Sywak. We caught up with these chicks to have a chat about life, expectations and leaving school.

A LONG WALK TO THE GOLDY. AFTER GETTING BOOTED OFF THE BUS.

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"I'M STILL A MUMMY'S GIRL... MAYBE NOT IN THIS SCENE..."

Nathalie Roy

What did you do for your Schoolies?
Well I was 16 when I did Year 12 so I was too young to go to Schoolies. Instead I went overseas to Germany for a couple of weeks, then to the UK as a sort of celebration. I'd tried using other people's fake IDs, but I've just never been very good at lying so I didn't fancy my chances at getting into any pubs. I'd known all along I wouldn't be going so I wasn't that disappointed.

What would you have done to celebrate the end of school if you could have done anything you wanted? Now, I would have gone up to Byron, hired a tent and just hung out on the beach for two weeks. That's about it!

Were you sad to leave school or glad to be getting out of there?
I actually loved school, I really loved it. I went to an all girls school and I had a ball. I was sad to leave, but I was quite young and I was going straight to uni anyway. It was great to get out of school as well. Because I wasn't 18 and couldn't do all the things school leavers do, it wasn't a huge change of lifestyle. It was a lot more when I was at uni that life changed.

What was your rite of passage? When did you start feeling like an adult?
My 20th birthday. It was a huge turning point. Basically I left home at 20 and I lived in about 10 different places in 18 months, so I had a really wild time for about three years! That was a definite change in my life. Up until then things had been going smoothly.

Have you ever planned something down to the last detail only to have it all go chaotic on you? What happened?
That's my life! I'm always planning my life and trips that I'll do or different things I'll get involved in. Inevitably it changes and I don't end up doing that and something else comes in the path. But you know, that's the magic of life. If you didn't have that, there'd be no mystery and no sort of divine plan in the whole thing – it would just be a boring routine. At first I'm kind of disappointed that what I wanted to happen didn't happen, but the other thing is that I love change. It's one of the most constant things in my life. I actually love that, something new coming in and me going, "OK, drop the plan. Let's pick this up and run with it." Once I've gotten over the fact that I'm not actually in control of everything that I want to be, then I'm fine!

Have you ever had a situation where the reality didn't live up to your expectations?
There are definitely lots of things like that. I would say acting is very much like that. You build up this idea in your mind of the path that you want to travel. Actors hang out and hang out for jobs, but once you get one you realise it's just a job. It's not like every single moment is the most amazing thing in the world. You still have to do the hard work and travel the hard path of life and you can't really get away from that no matter what you choose. Even though I love acting and it's absolutely what I've chosen for my life, it's not a fairy tale existence by any means.

Jessica Gower

What did you do for your Schoolies?
I didn't go to Schoolies! I wanted to move out of home. So as soon as I finished Year 12, I got a couple of friends together and we decided that we'd save money for our bond and we moved into a place. It was sweet freedom, that's what I was looking for. I was looking at the bigger picture.

What would you have done to celebrate the end of school if you could have done anything you wanted?
It is a big event, which is why it's really important for a lot of teenagers. It's that next step into your adulthood. Ideally, if I could have done both – moved out of home and gone to Queensland, I would have done the traditional Schoolies thing.

Were you sad to leave or glad to be getting out of there?
I was so glad to be getting out of school. I couldn't wait to be embark on doing things that I wanted to do. I wasn't very academic at all! I'm more interested in learning and doing things now that I'm out of school that interest me personally. I wanted to do acting so I started that pathway. I got a waitressing job and an office job straight away to pay my rent because I wanted my independence as soon as possible. This was at the same time I was getting into acting. I wasn't sure how to go about it, but once I got normal jobs like a receptionist, I realised that's not where I saw myself and not what made me happy. So I knew I had to pull my finger out and just go out and get it for myself. So I got myself an agent and then I realised I needed to do some acting workshops and I did a three-year part-time course. I stuck to it and did the three years and I loved it. It gave me the confidence and the experience to get out there and really have a go. And it just sort of happens. Once you get one job it leads to another. And when you know that you're enjoying it you keep striving towards it because you're always out of work. That's the strange thing with acting, your job always ends so you're constantly trying to keep yourself motivated.

What was your rite of passage? When did you start feeling like an adult?
Oh ... now! I've just moved from Melbourne to Sydney and I've done the full disconnection. I have to do things by myself, I don't have the umbilical cord with my mum. Even though I moved out of home at 18 I think was still a mummy's girl! So now that I'm living in a different State I feel very adult. Still a fun adult though, I don't like getting too responsible just yet!

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BLURRED

Have you ever planned something down to the last detail only to have it all go chaotic on you? What happened?

Last year I had a really rough year and I think it was somehow similar to the journey in *Blurred*. I had an experience last year where I moved interstate temporarily for an acting job. I had a different perception of what this job was going to be like. I wasn't scared about moving or anything like that until I got to Sydney and I started the job. I'd moved away from all my family and friends and I got really anxious about the whole situation. I didn't cope too well. I was working long hours and got really stressed. I thought I'd cope a lot better than what I did. But sometimes things get out of control and it's hard to know how to react. I think it was just a growth spurt that I went through. Just getting to know myself better and how I cope in situations like that.

Have you ever had a situation where the reality didn't live up to your expectations?

Yeah, last year was one of those weird years where any comfort zone I had was taken away. I was stripped raw. It's good I can talk about it now because it's a very positive thing. It's about getting to know yourself and being more honest with yourself. Stepping out of your comfort zone and trying something new can be a bit of a reality check. You realise that you're living life for yourself and not for others. Sometimes you let your friends or your family define you somehow, so when you're by yourself you get a sense of self-worth and self-reliance.

Veronica Sywak

What did you do for your Schoolies?

I was actually pretty academic when I was at school and I had my head in the books. I never went to Schoolies Week. The idea of boys and drinking and frivolity never really appealed to me until I left school. So I didn't really get a Schoolies Week. I literally woke up from my Year 12 formal and went to work the next day. But that's the thing – you don't actually have to have been to Schoolies Week to enjoy *Blurred*, because it's more a coming of age story, which is something everyone can relate to. For me Schoolies Week happened when we were filming the movie on the Gold Coast. I had so much fun. I was a bit of a nerd, just like my character. I was very shy, I couldn't talk to boys when I was 18 so I never went to Schoolies Week, which is kind of a shame, but I made up for it.

What would you have done to celebrate the end of school if you could have done anything you wanted?

I would have gone to Byron Bay and camped out for a while, talked to some trees, hung out with friends, pitched a tent and just explored the surrounding area. That's my 23-year-old self talking though. I really wish I had a Schoolies Week. It's such a good opportunity to go out with your friends and have the time of your life, but at the time I was a little bit socially awkward. I think for where I was when I was 18, having my high school formal was enough for me. I think back to my youth when I was at school and I cannot get over how tame and sheltered I was – it was seriously a youth misspent! My head was in a book the whole time and it was kind of a shame, because shooting this film I realise how much fun I could have had if I'd just let myself go and wasn't so uptight.

What was your rite of passage? When did you start feeling like an adult?

Age is a state of mind. I really don't feel like an adult. I'm turning 24 this year and I'm just a bit spun out. I think my defining growing-up moment would be when I fell in love at 21. That's when I really became the person I always thought I could be.

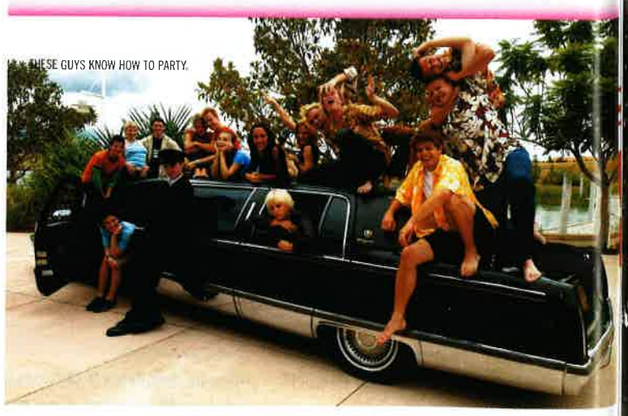
Have you ever planned something down to the last detail only to have it all go chaotic on you? What happened?

I remember I was out with some friends and we were planning to go to this big party on the streets of Surrey Hills. It was a suburban street, kinda crowded, and we lit up our fire sticks. I was fire twirling away when the stick spun out of control and set some leaves of an overhanging tree on fire! I freaked out thinking I'm going to burn down the whole of Sydney so I climbed up this huge tree, trying to put out the flames. Someone passed me up a glass, like a mug of water. So I'm like perched on this branch, holding on with one hand and just as I'm about to lean over to put the flames out the police pull up right underneath me! They're like, "Hi, how ya going. Can you please turn the music down – it's late and people are trying to sleep." We're all, "Yes officer, thank you officer," and all this time I'm about to fall on to the bonnet of the police car, precariously perched on this branch with a glass of water in my hand freaking out. So yeah, that was a chaotic experience!

Have you ever had a situation where the reality didn't live up to your expectations?

Leaving school is a perfect example of that for me. I thought once you left school you have the perfect plan all mapped out for you. You go to school, you do your HSC, you get the good marks, you go to university, you do your degree, you get your degree, you do your masters, finish that, get out into the work force, you do your thing, make a lot of money, you get married, you have kids, you get divorced, you retire. That's what I thought my life was going to be like and I was pretty much expecting that. And then as soon as I left school I realised that you can't plan your future because there's just so many things that factor into your life that are completely unexpected and that's what life's about. It's about adapting to the hurdles that get thrown at you. So yes, the big, wide world is something I wasn't expecting. If you'd told me on my first day of school, "Veronica, in five years' time you're going to be doing a feature film," I wouldn't have believed you. Oh here's a good one! If you had told me that I would be starring with Kristian Schmidt who I had a big crush on when I was young – I was obsessed! I had pictures of him in my diary with big hearts around them when I was 12 or 13. So if you had told me I would be kissing Kristian Schmidt in a movie I would have told you that you were nuts. It was like my 12-year-old dream come true – it was pretty special.

**Blurred* is in cinemas from October 31st.



THESE GUYS KNOW HOW TO PARTY.

SCORE!!

The good people at Becker entertainment have kindly thrown 10 *Blurred* packs your way – worth 80 bucks a pop. Each pack contains a double in-season pass to the movie, a copy of the *Blurred* soundtrack, poster and *Blurred* yard-glass. To get your hands on a pack give us one example when everything has been Blurred. Send your entries along with your name, age, address and phone number to Chick, "*Blurred* comp", PO Box 823, Burleigh Heads, QLD, 4220. Entries close October 25th, 2002.

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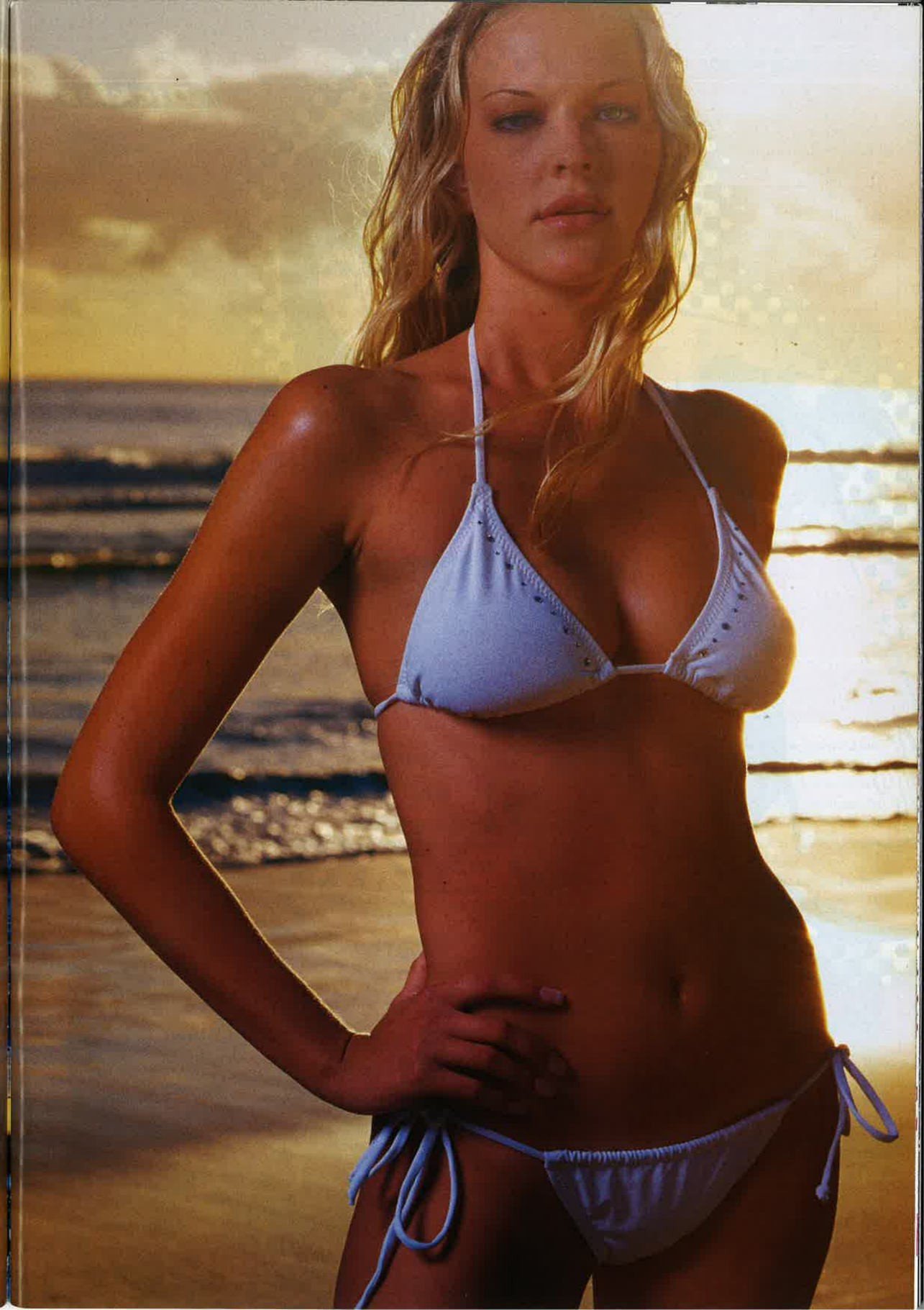

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NAME > EMMA KING
MISSION > DEVELOP AN ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENT WITH A DIFFERENCE.

"I work in advertising as an Art Director and had been looking for a way to do some charity work. I'd been inspired by reading *Take It Personally* by Anita Roddick (the founder of The Body Shop). She showed that it is possible to mix creativity and charity." And that's exactly what Emma did, she combined her love of fashion and creativity and the result was Common Threads.

"Common Threads was a concept that stemmed somewhat from my own creative motivation and love for recycled fashion, but more so from a desire to make a difference, if only a small one, for a few or a great many people."

The concept? She enlisted the support of some cool people and put their creative skills to the test. Thirty top fashion designers were asked to re-create an old St Vinnies business shirt into a funky piece of recycled ready-to-wear fashion. With the help of some industry volunteers Emma staged a recycled fashion show. "What I loved about this project was we were all able to use our specialised skills (eg. advertising, designers, events management, etc) to pull the project together – and all for a good cause," said Emma.

St Vinnies are 90% self-funding (10% Government funded) – with most of that revenue being raised through the stores. What the Common Threads idea highlighted is you can take the most mundane piece of clothing – a men's business shirt, and turn it into a piece of artwork.

Tickets to Common Threads cost $20 and heaps of people went to show their support. First a fun fashion show with a Hills Hoist clothes line at centre stage. Then drinks and nibblies, great music and all the shirts were put out for inspection and auctioned off to raise money for St Vincent de Paul. Some of Australia's best designers like Lee, Golf Punk, Tsubi and Kitten all created something for the show and they'd done some amazing things with an old business shirt – Dad's cast-offs have never looked so good!

It was a huge success and Emma raised $6000 for St Vinnies. "The philosophy behind Common Threads is two-fold. It's a creative outlet to showcase just how fashionable and affordable recycled garments can be, and it's a concept that will raise funds for a very worthy cause, I hope, for a great many years." Anita Roddick may have inspired Emma, but now Emma has inspired us!

Making a **difference**

You're just one person, but you have the power to make a difference. Here's three stories to inspire you.

NAME > KATE BOTTING
MISSION > TO RAISE ENOUGH MONEY TO GO ON A STUDY TRIP TO INDONESIA.

Most people's idea of a fundraising is a sausage sizzle or tin shaking, but Kate Botting thought different when she needed to raise money for a school language-study trip to Indonesia. Kate's dad is disabled and needs major operations so her parents can't afford to send her – but Kate didn't let that stop her. She's been learning Indonesian for two years and really wanted the chance to travel there and see the culture for herself. There was no way she could come up with the $2000 she needed, but Kate's mum told her that if she really wanted to go and was prepared to work hard for it, they'd find a way.

Kate lives in WA in a little coastal town called Denmark, about five hours' drive away from Perth. Both Kate and her Mum surf, and one day, after reading *Chick*, they were thinking how cool it would be if there was a surf coaching clinic in Denmark. They thought it would be even cooler if Layne Beachley could coach the clinic. The more they thought about it the more they liked the idea, so Kate sat down and wrote Layne a letter asking her if she would be keen to come to Denmark to hold an all-girl surfing day. Sure it was a long shot, but the worst Layne could do was say no. Here's some of what she wrote ...

"The best idea I had to raise the money is for you to come to Denmark to hold an all-girl Surf Coaching Day. I am in the local Surf Club and all of us girls surf. We have even out numbered the boys some days.

There would be an entry price to attend the coaching day – this would be used to fund my trip. We can organise food for the day and the surf club has all the facilities for us to use also. There are two surf schools in town and we could use their boards for the day. My mum can organise accommodation and other things you may need (publicity, television coverage, and maybe some free meals). My Mum is really great at organising these sorts of things.

I really hope you can come to my town and do this Layne. It would be so awesome of you. You are my inspiration and my hero and I hope to one day be as good a surfer as you are.

I am even dreaming about this event taking place on my local beach. It is all I can think about right now. Please make it if you can and we will make it a trip to remember."

As it turned out, taking a long shot paid off and Layne said yes! So Kate and her mum organised an all-girls surf day at their local beach. They asked local businesses to donate meals and accommodation for Layne, asked surf companies and *Chick* to donate product for giveaways and prizes and got 80 girls booked in for a day of coaching with world champion Layne Beachley!

The day was a huge success and Kate raised $1500 towards her trip and now her goal is within reach. It would have been easy for Kate to just accept the fact she couldn't afford to go, but instead she decided to change the way things were and make a difference. The difference is that her dream had become a reality and soon she'll be on her way to Indo!

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Making a **difference**

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NAME > MADELINE ORGILL
MISSION > TO BRING MUSIC TO UNDERAGE PEOPLE.

Madeline gives a lot of time and effort to a good cause – music. It's her passion and she wants to share it with anyone who's keen. "I'd like to think I make a difference by offering kids a good fun time without having to get drunk or off your head on drugs. Hopefully I make a difference by getting people involved in music," she says.

Maddy has her finger in a lot of pies in the music industry and is so busy with all her different projects we had trouble tracking her down for this interview. She's involved in The Push, an organisation which supports and encourages youth to get into music, whether it's starting their own band or getting info on gigs. Freeza is a similar thing, but on a smaller scale within Victoria. Both organisations bring music to all ages and stage drug and alcohol-free events to rock our world. This year the annual Push On festival, held at Moonee Valley, sported the likes of Jebediah, 28 Days, The Superjesus, Superheist, Motorace, Lash, Machine Gun Fellatio and Addiction 64 in the lineup and over 3000 punters showed their support. The events being drug and alcohol free is important to Madeline. "We're mainly just offering fun stuff for young'uns where they don't feel pressured into having to get drunk or stoned – they're having a good time in a safe environment. "

Not only does she bring live music to underagers, but also brings out unknown bands to people who would never normally hear them. "It's a mutual promotion for both," says the self-confessed gig pig. "You can help out local bands who are craving to play to heaps of people and get a status up and running. Any band who plays gets more fans and more exposure. And then you get the audience who just want to listen to bands and have a good time – it works both ways."

Madeline, along with nine other people between 18 and 25, make up the youth advisory committee for The Push. They advise The Push on what they should be doing in regards to youth and music, set up summits and workshops for other youth committees 'round Victoria, put on festivals and arrange the lineups. They're getting a radio show together to promote Melbourne bands, and there's even a Push magazine that promotes bands and general stuff about the music industry. They apply for grants to get more money for the organisation and come up with better ideas for better projects Push can do.

As well as all this she's doing work on the Channel V Bus website, helps the label manager at Waa Waa Records promote bands like Killing Heidi and Space Like Alice, and does promotional work, merchandise, lights and videotaping for a couple of other companies. Phew! So if she's involved in all these big things in the music industry why does she keep pushing Push?

"I actually enjoy working for The Push a lot more. You get more out of it and you learn a heap more. We're not just organising festivals or promotional work, but I'm learning how to submit grants, and organise workshops. These things will all come in handy as I would rather do event management as opposed to band management."

In return for all her hard work Maddy gets a good sense of satisfaction plus invaluable experience and contacts in the industry. "The most rewarding thing is sitting back after a good gig and knowing you helped make it happen, getting good feedback from bands and kids. I just like working with kids, I'm not that much older than them."

* Find out more about The Push on **www.thepush.asn.au**

Inspired? Here's how you can make a difference ...

There are heaps of worthy causes out there and they all need people willing to volunteer their time and skills to make a difference. Making a donation is the easiest way to help, but there's plenty more you can do. Participate in **Clean Up Australia Day**, **The Winter Sleepout** or **World Vision's 40-Hour Famine**. Find a cause you're passionate about and find out how you can get involved locally. You'll need patience, passion and perserverance but you can make a difference and it will be well worth it.

These organisations always need a hand.

Surfriders Foundation – keeping the ocean clean – **www.surfrider.org.au**

World Vision – making a difference in Third World countries – **www.worldvision.com.au**

Conservation Volunteers – environmental conservation – **www.conservationvolunteers.com.au**

Act Now is a website that matches young people up to a volunteer organisation that suits their interests and skills. At the moment it's directed at the NSW Central Coast, but it's going national in 2003 so stay tuned and check out the website, and if you live on the Central Coast get into it! **www.actnow.com.au**

RSPCA – preventing cruelty to animals – **www.rspca.org.au**

CanTeen – helping kids with cancer – **www.canteen.com.au**

Reach Out – helping prevent youth suicide – **www.reachout.asn.au**

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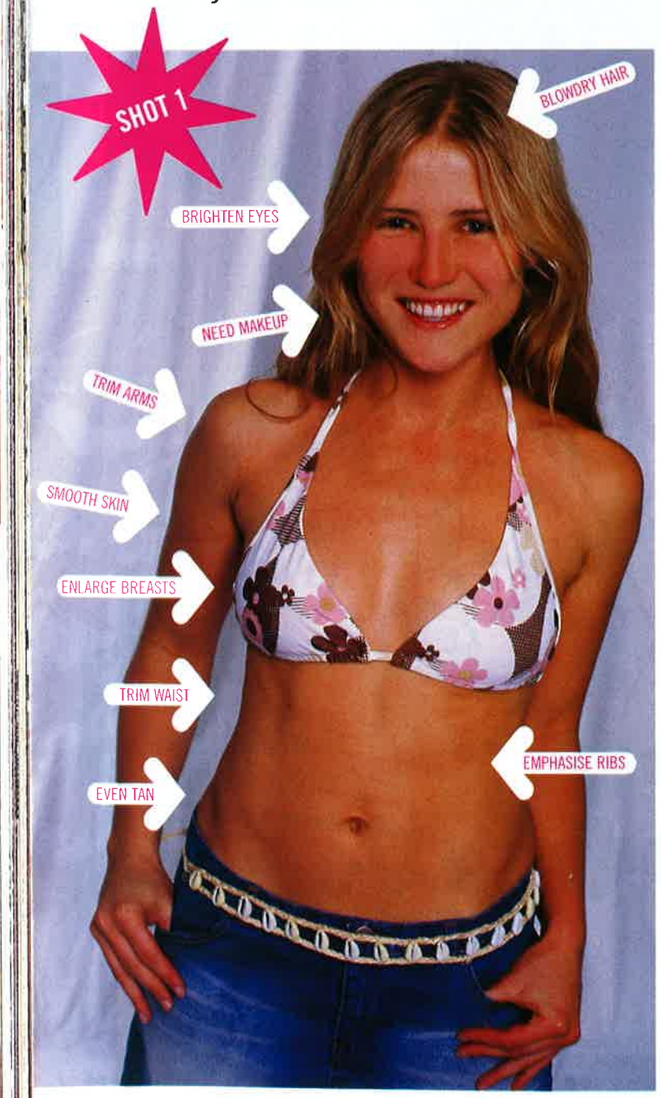
WHEN THINGS AREN'T WHAT THEY SEEM...

There's a massive weight problem going on amongst girls in general. Everybody knows of someone with an eating disorder – you might even have one. We're not gonna lecture you about it, we just wanna show you how certain things in society can make you put unrealistic expectations on your own body. Hopefully, by talking about it, we'll make you realise an eating disorder is a reflection of how you feel on the inside and a battle with yourself you will never win.



YOUR OUTSIDE WON'T LAST FOREVER, YOUR INSIDE WILL.

Yep, you've heard it a million times before – it's what's on the inside that counts. Most of you are probably thinking "As if it is when you get paid out for wearing uncool clothes and get snarled at if you're bigger than the 'normal' or don't suit the 'beautiful' people." Seriously though, how long do you reckon those kinds of people will last? For a very short time. An image is just that – an image. We all get older and we all lose our outer "looks". To get through life successfully you need a strong and genuine personality. The good people – the people who aren't obsessed with their looks but who work on their insides – are the ones who'll be the happiest at the end. Why? Because they're happy with themselves. Why the obsession with how we look? Who are we trying to be? Who are we trying to impress and does it really matter? You're a good thing and that's all there is to it.

If you find yourself disagreeing with this compliment, maybe you're comparing your physical self to other people. Maybe your sister. Maybe Elle McPherson. Comparisons are meaningless because there will always be people who you think are better and worse looking than you. So comparing yourself to others will only make you feel low in self-esteem or vain. Why compare when it's not a competition?

What's most important is that you feel great, and that you radiate that greatness outwards. That is what people will notice about you most and it is what they will love you for!

WHY DO WE CARE SO MUCH?

You will look and feel great if you have the glow of someone who gets enough sleep, eats well and nurtures their soul. So why are so many people hung up on their weight?

Unfortunately, the media usually promotes the idea that being thin is the ideal. In ads, movies and TV shows the lazy characters are often played by larger actors, and the successful, popular characters are played by thin girls. That sends us some pretty nasty messages. No wonder a whopping 60 per cent of teenage girls in Australia believe they would be happier if they were thinner.

It's not just the media though. Without even realising it, we can all put pressure on our family and friends to lose weight too. Imagine that you see a friend and you tell her she's lost weight and looks great. Saying stuff like that makes her feel good, and makes her believe that the thinner she is, the happier she'll be. That's just as bad as those movies and TV shows!

Even worse, sometimes people reinforce the value that "thin is good" by teasing fatter kids. Some kids and teenagers have ended up killing themselves over this. Any -one that engages in this sort of bullying looks and feels pretty insecure. Maybe next time you see teasing or backstabbing going on, stand up for what you believe in. You'll probably end up being truly respected by your mates.

LOOKING GREAT

Being thin doesn't make you happy. You will feel awesome though if you are proud of your body, no matter what size or shape it is. Easy said, but how? Here are some ideas about how to feel proud of your body.

1 DECORATE YOURSELF!

You can show that you are proud of who you are by adorning your body with decorations like friendship bands, clothes that make a statement, and fun stuff like glitter and fake tattoos. These things can help to make you feel special, beautiful and individual.

2 DON'T WORRY ABOUT SCALES

How much you weigh depends on loads of factors like your height, muscle mass, bone structure and body fat. To feel bad about yourself based on how much you weigh is crazy! It is best to stay away from the scales and judge your body image on how fit and healthy you feel, rather than anything else.

3 FORGET ABOUT DIETS

All those diets you see in women's mags don't really work. Actually, 95 per cent of people who go on crash diets end up putting on any weight they lose.

The only sure-fire way to keep at a healthy weight and feel good is to eat sensibly all the time. The basic rule is to eat fruit, vegetables and grains/cereals and avoid overdoing foods that are high in fat, sugar and salt.

Whatever you do, don't get mad at yourself for eating too much of the sugary or fatty stuff on a particular day though. Parents and TV ads can make us see some foods as "good" and others as "bad". It's an awful feeling when you think you've been "naughty" because you ate half a block of chocky on your own. A good tip for improving your body image is to avoid labelling food this way. It only reinforces guilt in relation to the food you eat.

The golden rule is to listen to your body. Avoid eating when you aren't hungry, and stop eating once you are full. Remember too, that it's pretty normal for your appetite to increase in your teens.

If you are finding it tricky to eat well, chat to your GP or a nutritionist about what you can do. They can help you to make small changes bit by bit.

4 BE A SPORT IN YOUR OWN WAY

Sadly, lots of girls stay away from sport because they are too self-conscious about how they look. Some also think they aren't skilful enough. If you have negative thoughts like these, how about challenging yourself to take up a new hobby like karate or dance classes, or even save up to buy a pair of in-line. It's the best way to develop a real sense of wellbeing. Most professionals recommend half an hour of physical activity a day. That can be broken up into three 10-minute blocks though. So if you hate anything with wheels, balls or racquets, you can stick to convenient things like walking to school. Just make sure you enjoy your chosen activity.

5 YOU ROCK!

Finally, ditch any negative thoughts and remind yourself that you are fabulous and gorgeous just the way you are.

FACT BOX #1

Even models aren't perfect! Pictures of models in magazines are airbrushed using a program called Photoshop. It removes any sign of blemishes, scars, cellulite and can make a model look thinner or more tanned than she really is. *Chick* is one of the few mags not to do this.

FACT BOX #2

Seventy-one per cent of adolescent girls want to be thinner, despite only a small percentage being over a healthy weight.

FACT BOX #3

For every three billion women who don't look like a supermodel, there are only eight who do!

FACT BOX #4

The average female model weighs up to 25 per cent less than a typical woman and maintains a weight at about 15 to 20 per cent below what is considered healthy for her age and height.

FACT BOX #6

Poor body image can lead to eating disorders. Ninety per cent of people with eating disorders are adolescents and young adult women.

FACT BOX #7

Starving or restricting yourself from food can lead to growth of hair on the face, thinning of bones, stunted height, loss of periods, muscle weakness, reduced concentration, easy bruising, constipation and even death.

CHICK'S TIP

Be healthy, exercise regularly and be true to yourself and you won't obsess about how you look on the outside because you'll feel so great about your inside.

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WHO THE HELL'S THAT CHICK?

It's me, Louise, the Editor. We thought the only way to show you how many magazines make girls look beautiful and unrealistic was by showing the hours of work that goes into making a normal chick look different.

We thought about getting a young girl in until someone suggested I do it. "Why don't you put your money where your mouth is?" One of the staff member commented – "You preach this stuff all the time, why shouldn't you be in the picture?" Initially, I was horrified – how embarrassing! What a try-hard effort, no way am I baring flesh! And then I thought about it. Why do I care so much? I'm the way I am and no matter how big, small or in between I am there's really not much I can do about it. So, that's me in the picture hopefully proving that anyone can be made to look different than they really are.

Now, not every girl in every magazine goes through the process of "photoshop" – some girls are just naturally pretty and that's the way it is. However, a lot of advertising campaigns, fashion shoots, billboards, posters and signs have been incredibly altered to make the girl in the picture not what she really is. This in turn makes us see unrealistic images of women and girls in general.

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I can't believe they are saying that - as if they could model
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"What was she thinking?"

Don't be a bitch

WORDS BY KATE MARTIN
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Bitching. It's a bad habit, kinda like biting your nails – half the time you don't even know you're doing it. But bitching can have a really negative effect on your life. This is a story about Beatrice Yatch and what happened to her ...

Beatrice was called Bee by her friends – not that she had that many real friends. You see, Bee was a bit of a bitch. Not a Sarah Michelle Gellar in *Cruel Intentions* kind of bitch, but she said enough bad things about enough people to classify as one. She would meet the friends she did have in the quad at lunchtime and they'd sit 'round, eat their sandwiches and sunbake. They'd talk about what they did on the weekend and which boys they liked and which teachers they didn't. It's the same stuff everyone talks about, but sometimes the conversation crossed the fine line between gossiping to bitching and Bee was often the main offender. It wasn't an outright slag match, but the sly kind of bitching that a lot of girls do. The kind that, if it's about you, makes you feel like shit, even if it's not true. Bee never wanted to miss a lunchtime goss session, because in the back of her mind she was afraid that in her absence her friends might bitch about her.

Bee was actually a very insecure person. She wasn't confident in herself and tried to fit in by being like everyone else. She thought the best way to make herself look good was by putting other people down. Her logic was that if she told everyone that so-and-so was a dickhead/bitch/slut, she'd look better or cooler than them in comparison. In reality, it was Bee who looked like the bitch.

The sad thing was that Bee used to be a nice person and had a lot more going for her than her ability to bitch. She was funny, and easy-going and intelligent, but because of all her insecurities she'd lost sight of all that and resorted to bitching to feel better about herself. When she was jealous or hurt, her bitching became even worse. Linda who won the surf comp – "She thinks she's so cool."

> ***"How many times had she been responsible for making people feel the way she was feeling now? How many times had she bitched about people she didn't even know?"***

Steve with the new car – "What a yuppie poser." Jen who pashed Bee's ex – "He only did it coz he knows she'll sleep with anyone."

It could have gone on like this forever, but then Bee met Mark. She saw him shooting hoops at the park when she was walking her dog.* When his basketball rolled her way he used it as an excuse to strike up a conversation. Bee was stoked and surprised – no guys from school ever showed any interest in her and this guy was cute. They talked for a while, then Mark stuck out his hand and introduced himself. "Pleased to meet you Mark, I'm Bianca, but most peop1le call me Bee," she said. Mark's smile disappeared. Bee? Bianca Yatch?" he asked. "Yeah, that's me! How did you know?"

Mark's face turned stony. "Oh," he said, "you seemed so nice," and then turned to walk away.

"Wait!" said Bianca. "What's wrong? What do you mean?"

Mark stopped, "You remember Anna Marlow? Well I'm her brother. You made her life hell at school, spreading all those rumours about her. I've heard about you. You never have a kind word to say about anyone and I don't want to know you. People like you make me sick. Ever try being nice once in your life? Get lost bitch."

Bee ran home and locked herself in her room. She was so cut. It was so unfair. Whoever told Mark all that stuff about her didn't even know her. How could thay say that about her? She didn't bitch that much. And it wasn't her that started the rumours about Anna Marlow, she'd just passed on what she'd heard.

As Bee sat and dwelled on it, she realised that maybe there was a grain of truth to what Mark had said. How many times had she been responsible for making people feel the way she was feeling now? How many times had she bitched about people she didn't even know?

She remembered what her Mum told her all the time – if you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all. If Bee lived by that rule, she'd be a mute! She realised all that negative energy she'd been sending out had come back and bit her on the arse. "Right," thought Bee, "I don't want to be a bitch. That sucked so bad that I'm going to try and stop bitching for good." So she sat down and wrote some rules for herself.

1 IF I WOULDN'T SAY IT TO THEIR FACE, I WON'T SAY IT BEHIND THEIR BACK.
2 IF I WOULDN'T WANT IT SAID ABOUT ME, I WON'T SAY IT ABOUT SOMEONE ELSE.
3 I WON'T MAKE JUDGEMENTS ABOUT PEOPLE I DON'T KNOW.

They were simple rules but effective as long as she stuck to them. It made Bee think before she opened her mouth. It was hard to get out of the habit, but to stop herself she wore a rubber band 'round her wrist and snapped it every time she bitched. When her friends started up bitching about someone Bee would go and get a drink or change the subject. She did all she could to distance herself from the bad vibes of bitchiness.

It took a while, but after a couple of months she noticed results. Bee stopped hanging 'round with the same group of girls so much. She had a suspicion that they bitched about her, but she took it pretty well. She thought it might be because her breaking away from the group had made them insecure, and by putting her down it made them feel better. (Amazing how things look in hindsight.) It just made her more determined to change.

Now, instead of saying stuff like, "Lisa thinks she's so cool just 'cos she won a stupid surf comp," Bee would say, "That's sick! I hope I can surf like that one day." And you know what? She started feeling a lot better about herself. Because she was focusing on the positives instead of the negatives Bee found that life was a better place to be. She started using her good qualities to impress people and she found it worked much better. She made a few new friends who liked her for who she was – she was doing something for herself and trying to be a better person and it paid off.

Bitching is basically about insecurity and it's always going to be around, but that doesn't mean you have to be a part of it. It's not going to win you any friends and ultimately it just makes you into a negative person. So girls, the moral of the story is, don't be a Bee Yatch!

*Bee's dog was a bitch too, but not that kind of bitch.

STREET TALK

What do you think about bitching?

LEISA > 18
I just told this guy something and he went back and told my mate a totally different story. People bitch because they're jealous of what other people have. It's around heaps, especialy between girls.

CASSY > 18
It's so common. Everyone has to do it, there's not one person who doesn't bitch. It's just jealousy, nothing better to talk about. I've been bitched about – it makes you feel so bad. You never want to bitch about other people because you know what it feels like.

KATHY > 18
Bitching's part of being a girl. Everyone does it. A bitch a day is healthy. Like you just talk about girls around you and you always find something wrong with them and it makes you feel better. At school it was 10 times worse. You wouldn't talk about what you want to do, you just bitch all lunchtime.

JAYE > 15
Bitching keeps you healthy. If you have all that anger built up inside you it doesn't work. You've gotta get it out, but you get it out to someone reliable, who thinks the same way as you, and you can just have your bitch and it goes no further. I'm the kind of person who would only bitch if I had the courage to say it to their face.

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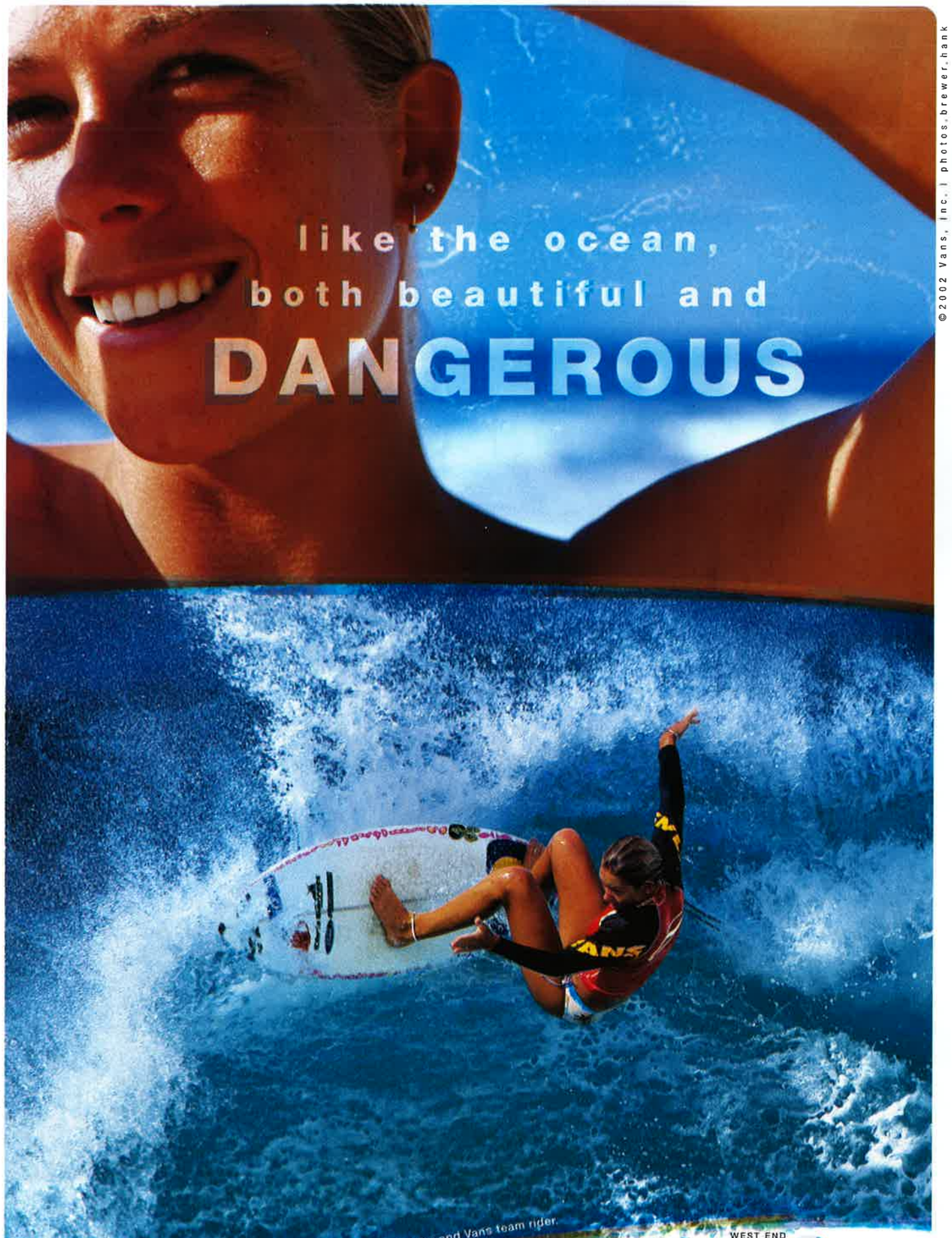

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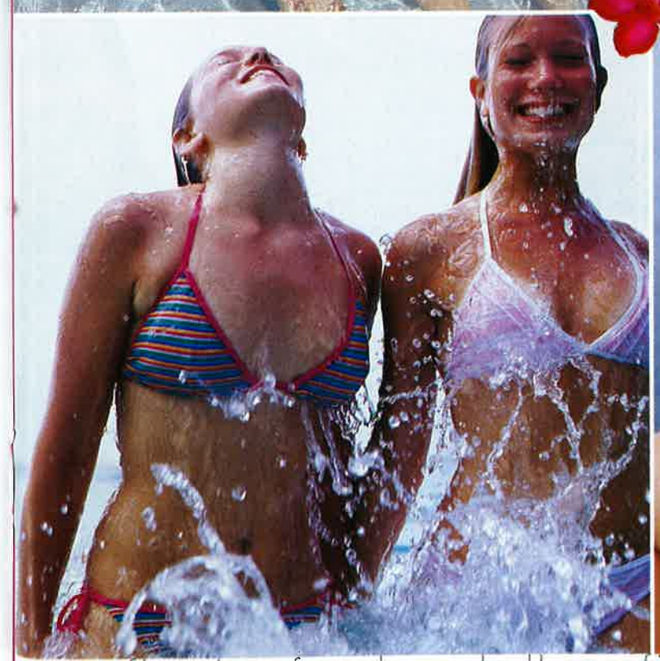

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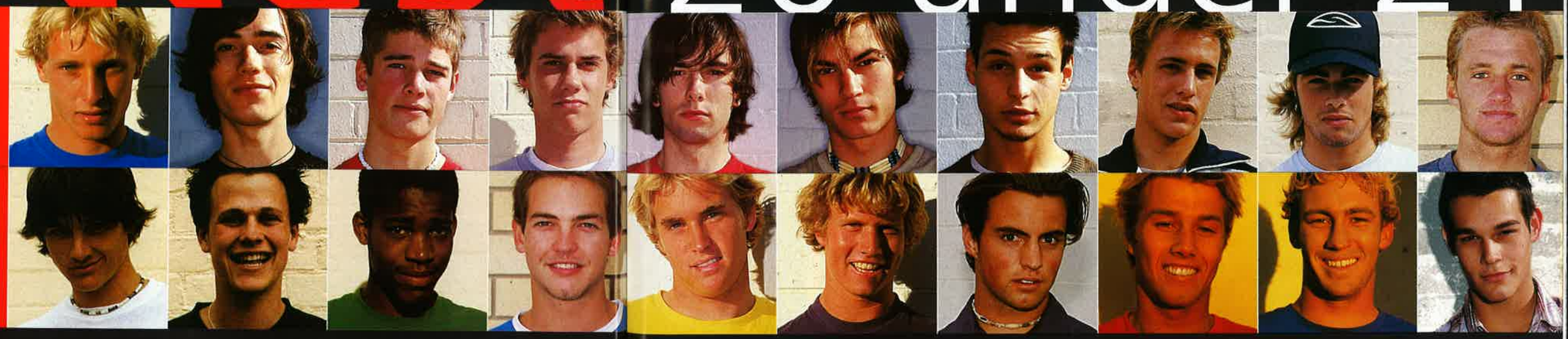

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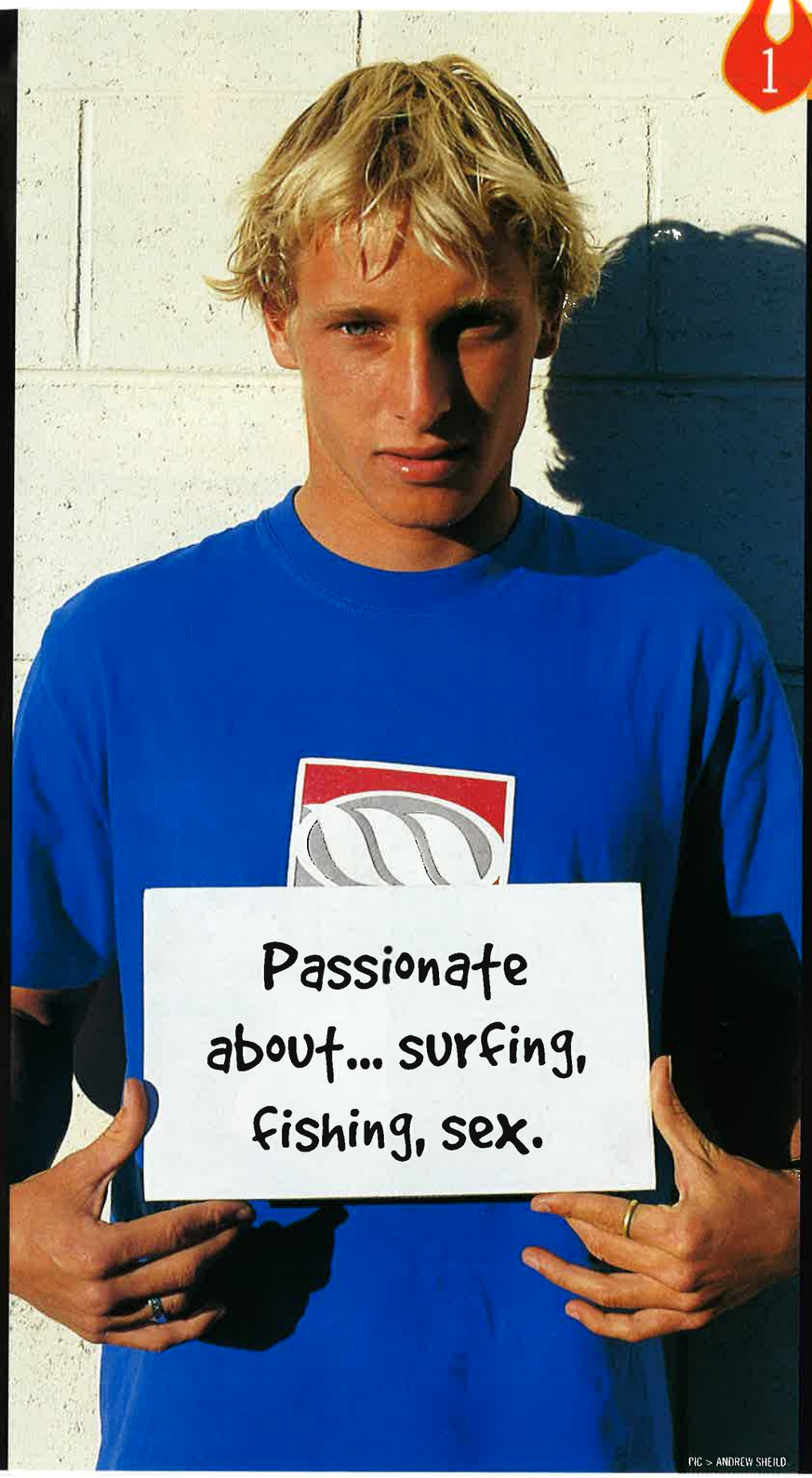

PIC > ANDREW SHIELD

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JARRAH 18

Star sign > Triple Libra
Favourite food > Japanese
Favourite song/band > Tool
Favourite book/movie > *Warlock*
What's the nicest thing you've done for someone? This girl missed her bus to the airport so I drove her. She just made her plane and was pretty stoked.
You've been given a million bucks – what's the first thing you spend it on? Buy a big yacht and get all my friends on it and travel round Indo surfing and fishing.
Who's your inspiration and why? My dad because he's always there and always had the right answer to my weird questions.
What's your best personality trait? Cheering people up when they're down.
Name two things you want to have done by the time you're 22. Own a house and be on the WCT.
What's the one country in the world you'd love to visit? Why? There are too many beautiful places I want to go to choose one.
What's the one motto you stand by? If you're going to do something, do it properly or don't do it at all.
In one word tell us how your friends would describe you. Joyful.

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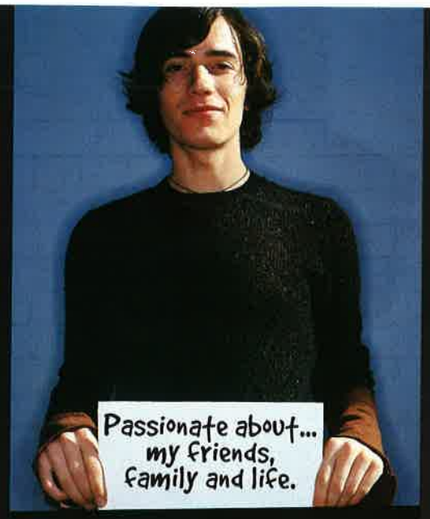
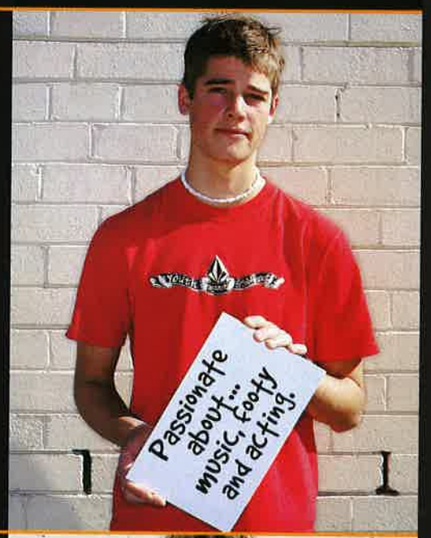
2 JONNY 19

Star Sign > Scorpio.
Favourite food > Chocolate.
Favourite song/band > Ride the White Pony.
Favourite book/movie > *Memoirs of a Geisha*.
What's the nicest thing you've done for someone? Donated my left kidney.
You've been given a million bucks – what's the first thing you spend it on? My friends.
Who's your inspiration and why? Sigourney Weaver – she rocks!
What's your best personality trait? My humour.
Name two things you want to have done by the time you're 22. Travelled the world.
What's one country in the world you'd love to visit? Why? Japan, 'cause they're crazy like me.
What's the one motto you stand by? Things come to those who whinge.
In one word tell us how your friends would describe you. Mad!



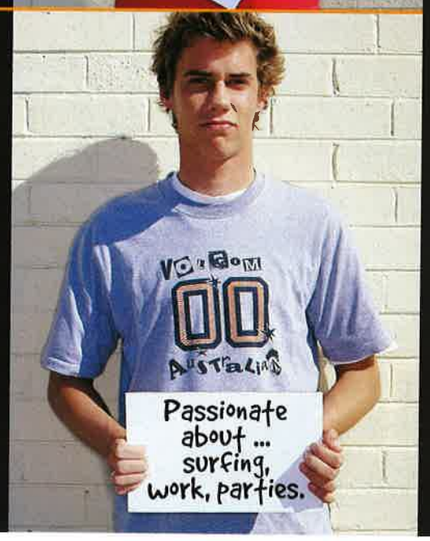
3 MATTHEW 17

Star Sign > Cancer.
Favourite food > Everything.
Favourite song/band > Unwritten Law.
Favourite book/movie > *Saving Private Ryan*.
What's the nicest thing you've done for someone? Everything.
You've been given a million bucks – what's the first thing you spend it on? A car and CDs.
Who's your inspiration and why? Kermit the frog, because he's so funny.
What's your best personality trait? Everything.
Name two things you want to have done by the time you're 22. Travel and have my own car.
What's the one country in the world you'd love to visit? France.
What's the one motto you stand by? Sit on it.
In one word tell us how your friends would describe you. Menace.



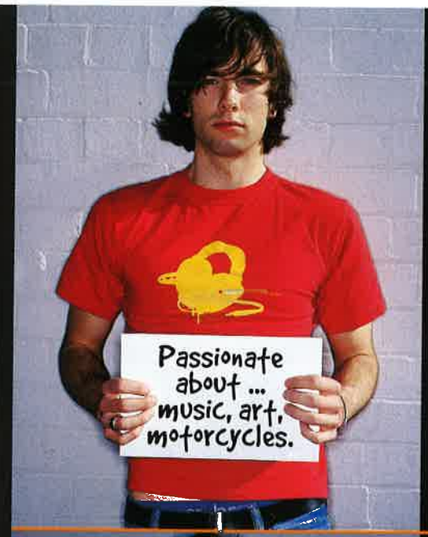
4 MITCHELL 17

Star Sign > Aquarius.
Favourite food > Pasta.
Favourite song/band > Any rock / rap / etc.
Favourite book/movie > *The Fast and the Furious*.
What's the nicest thing you've done for someone? Help my dad get over his father's death.
You've been given a million bucks – what's the first thing you spend it on? People who need it, like kids with cancer.
Who's your inspiration and why? Ky Hurst and Kelly Slater – they both rip.
What's your best personality trait? Everything.
Name two things you want to have done by the time you're 22. Have a car and a good future.
What's the one country in the world you'd love to visit? Why? Indonesia for the excellent surf.
What's the one motto you stand by? Stand up for yourself.
Passionate about ... Surfing, work, parties.
In one word tell us how your friends would describe you. Funny.



5 JOHN 21

Star Sign > Scorpio.
Favourite food > Italian.
Favourite song/band > Gypsy Kings.
Favourite book/movie > *Fight Club*.
What's the nicest thing you've done for someone? Gave money to a busker who sucked – it was for encouragement.
You've been given a million bucks – what's the first thing you spend it on? A Ducati 998 (motorcycle).
Who's your inspiration and why? My girlfriend, because I draw her all the time. She's beautiful.
What's your best personality trait? My creativity.
Name two things you want to have done by the time you're 22. Travel and start my own design magazine.
What's the one country in the world you'd love to visit? Spain – the women, the language, culture, music, dance.
What's the one motto you stand by? Mess with me and you mess with my whole family.
In one word tell us how your friends would describe you. Stifler.



6 JAMES 20

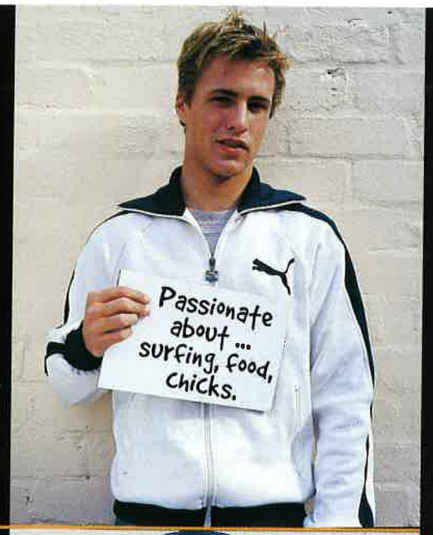
Star Sign > Libra.
Favourite food > Pasta.
Favourite song/band > Right now it's "Live Again" by Sevendust.
Favourite book/movie > *The Crow* (book), *Fight Club* (movie).
What's the nicest thing you've done for someone? Sometimes I take the leftover food from the cafe I work at and look for homeless people to feed on the way home.
You've been given a million bucks – what's the first thing you spend it on? Myself of course.
Who's your inspiration and why? I write, so I find inspiration in the books I read. Discovering a different author's mind helps me channel my own creativity.
What's your best personality trait? Loyalty.
Name two things you want to have done by the time you're 22. Visit Stonehenge and have my book published.
What's the one country in the world you'd love to visit? Egypt – the pyramids and temples, the Sphinx. To stand where so much history has happened.
What's the one motto you stand by? Say what you mean, or you won't mean what you say.
In one word tell us how your friends would describe you. Enigmatic.

7 ALEX 21

Star Sign > Cancer.
Favourite food > Chicken.
Favourite song/band > Austin's Groove and Erick Morillo (DJ).
Favourite book/movie > *Sophie's World*.
What's the nicest thing you've done for someone? Spontaneously taken my girlfriend on holiday.
You've been given a million bucks – what's the first thing you spend it on? An investment that makes me millions and millions!
Who's your inspiration and why? Dad and Mum, because they're cooler than me.
What's your best personality trait? Caring nature.
Name two things you want to have done by the time you're 22. Anything that makes me happy.
What's the one country in the world you'd love to visit? Why? Spain, because I'm half-Spanish.
What's the one motto you stand by? Always be optimistic.
In one word tell us how your friends would describe you. Laidback.

8 DAVID 18

Star Sign > Gemini.
Favourite food > My friend's grandma's Italian wafer thing that has no name.
Favourite song/band > Wiggles and Hi-5.
Favourite book/movie > My dad's autobiography, *George Freeman*.
What's the nicest thing you've done for someone? One time I was driving and I stopped to help this little baby possum that had been injured in an accident. I took it to the vet and named it Petra.
You've been given a million bucks – what's the first thing you spend it on? A new board, and then I would invest in a house.
Who's your inspiration and why? I looked up to my father a lot, and even though he's passed on, I still do.
What's your best personality trait? I can sometimes make people laugh.
Name two things you want to have done by the time you're 22. Lose my virginity and travel the world.
What's the one country in the world you'd love to visit? Why? The Mentawais for the surf.
What's the one motto you stand by? Never play by the rules and be good to your mother.
In one word tell us how your friends would describe you. Witty.



9 ALEX 19

Star Sign > Cancer.
Favourite food > Nanna's Italian, sushi, Indian, everything Asian.
Favourite song/band > N.E.R.D – Rockstar, Nine Inch Nails.
Favourite book/movie > *Brando* (Marlon Brando's biography).
What's the nicest thing you've done for someone? Given money when they've needed it, looked after people in need.
You've been given a million bucks – what's the first thing you spend it on? Property, so I can have something to my name, and the World Wildlife Fund.
Who's your inspiration and why? Marlon Brando, Errol Flynn, Brad Pitt, Chris Wood, Travis Fimmel – they're great actors, surfers and people.
What's your best personality trait? Caring – I care a lot.
Name two things you want to have done by the time you're 22. Earnt my first $100,000 and travelled the world.
What's the one country in the world you'd love to visit? Why? Italy, because I'm half-Italian and I'd love to improve my broken Italian that I sometimes speak!
What's the one motto you stand by? Never, never, ever give up on my dreams.
In one word tell us how your friends would describe you. Sensitive.

10 JOSH 18

Star sign > Aries
Favourite food > Sushi
Favourite song/band > Any punk band
Favourite book/movie > *Lord of the Rings* and *The Matrix*
What's the nicest thing you've done for someone? Help an old lady across the road.
You've been given a million bucks – what's the first thing you spend it on? Get a loan for a hundred million and buy a big corporation.
Who's your inspiration and why? Any surfer that's doing well because I want to get where they are.
What's your best personality trait? I'm a bit of a nice guy.
Name two things you want to have done by the time you're 22. Won another air show world title and be as successful as I can at that age.
What's the one country in the world you'd love to visit? Why? Egypt, to see all the pyramids.
What's the one motto you stand by? Push yourself to the limit.
In one word tell us how your friends would describe you. Bastard.

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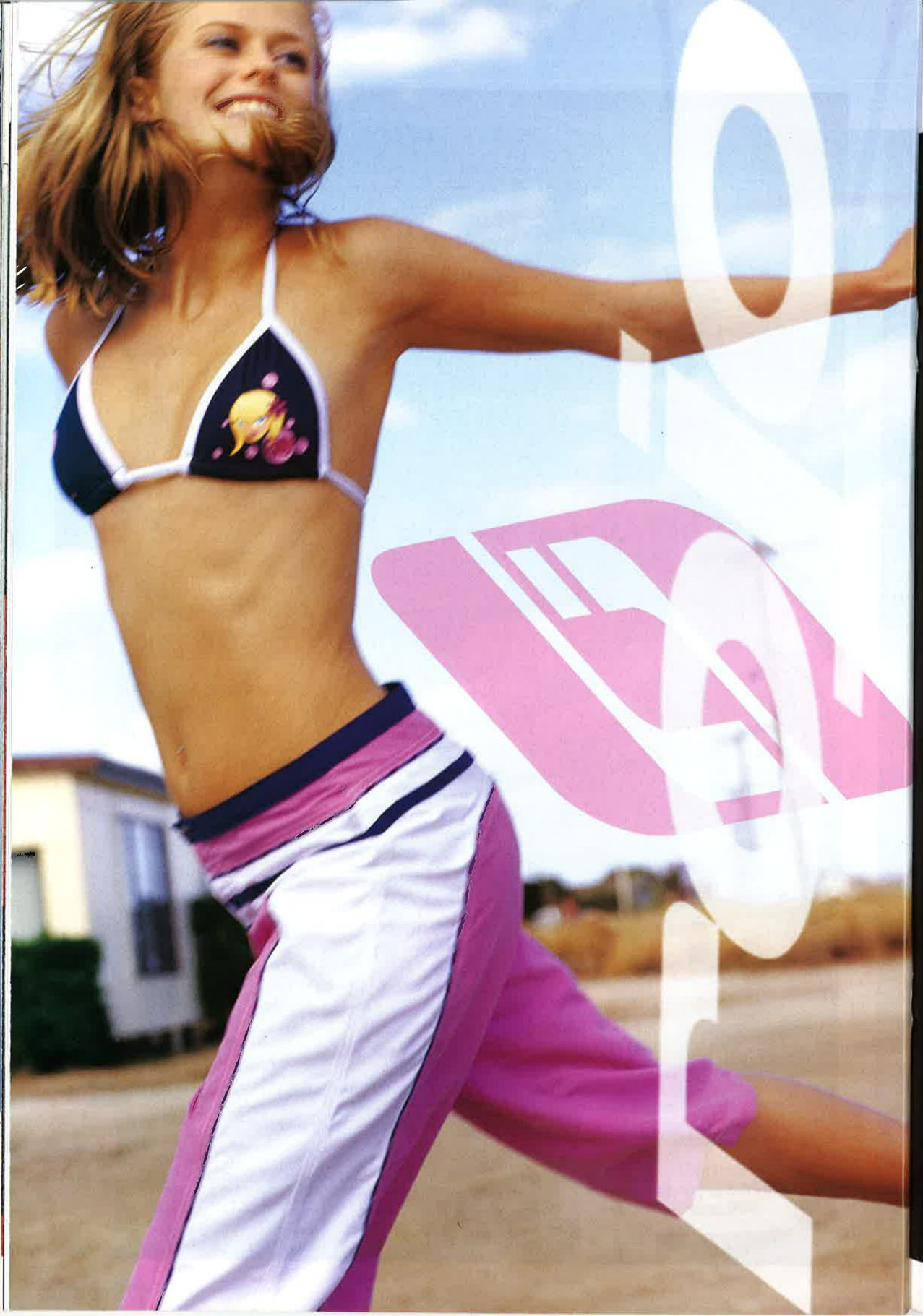

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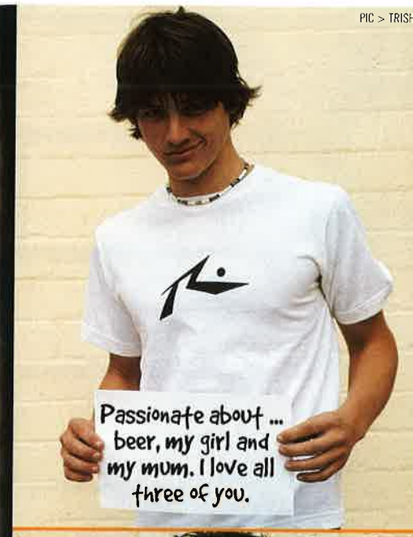

11 ANDREW 17

Star Sign > Pisces.
Favourite food > Grapes and cherries.
Favourite song/band > "Forever" – Ben Harper.
Favourite book/movie > *Don't Be a Menace in South Central While Drinking Your Juice in the Hood.*
What's the nicest thing you've done for someone? I gave my next-door neighbour a surf board and taught him how to surf.
You've been given a million bucks – what's the first thing you spend it on? Two new boards and shares in a beer factory, or two new boards and a house on Kirra Point.
Who's your inspiration and why? Taj, coz he rips like no-one else.
What's your best personality trait? I'm honest.
Name two things you want to have done by the time you're 22. Finish a uni degree and surf Jeffreys Bay.
What's the one country in the world you'd love to visit? Why? I want to discover my own little Pacific island that has perfect reef breaks.
What's the one motto you stand by? Be true to your mates.
In one word tell us how your friends would describe you. Charismatic.

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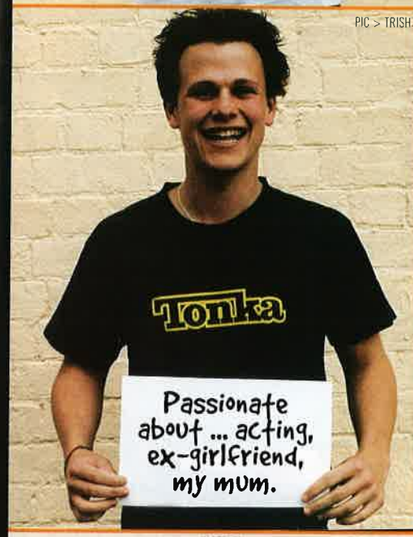

12 CALLEN 16

Star Sign > Leo.
Favourite food > Chicken.
Favourite song/band > Pearl Jam.
Favourite book/movie > *Two Hands.*
What's the nicest thing you've done for someone? Making dinner for my girlfriend then making sweet love to her.
You've been given a million bucks – what's the first thing you spend it on? I would buy my girlfriend the biggest pearl in the world.
Who's your inspiration and why? Brad Pitt, because he's a great actor.
What's your best personality trait? Outgoing.
Name two things you want to have done by the time you're 22. Be an actor and travel the world.
What's the one country in the world you'd love to visit? Why? Italy.
What's the one motto you stand by? Live life by the day.
In one word tell us how your friends would describe you. Good bloke.

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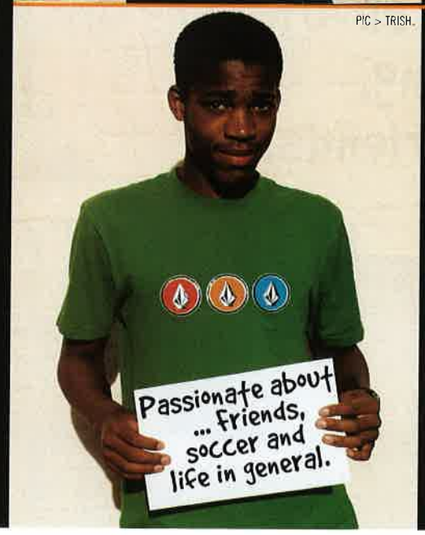


13 FRANK 16

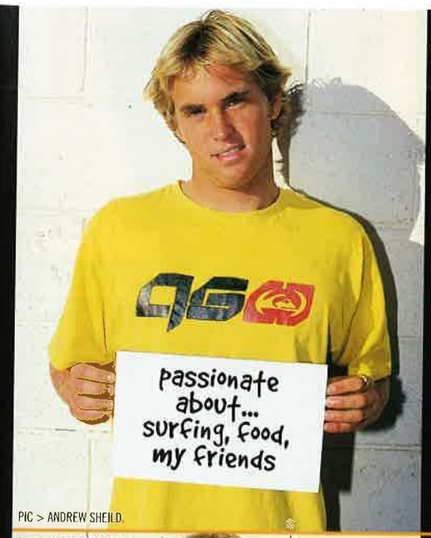
Star Sign > Gemini.
Favourite food > Pasta.
Favourite song/band > Rage Against the Machine.
Favourite book/movie > *The Matrix.*
What's the nicest thing you've done for someone? I once got my friend a really nice T-shirt for his birthday.
You've been given a million bucks – what's the first thing you spend it on? My parents and a holiday.
Who's your inspiration and why? Zach de la Rocha, because he stands for what he believes in.
What's your best personality trait? I'm really nice to new friends.
Name two things you want to have done by the time you're 22. Travel the world and pursue my dreams.
What's the one country in the world you'd love to visit? Why? America, because I was born there and have such an attchment.
What's the one motto you stand by? A stranger is a friend you haven't met yet.
In one word tell us how your friends would describe you. Classic.

14 ZANE 21

PIC > ANDREW SHEILD.

Star sign > Leo
Favourite food > Pasta
Favourite song/band > Sazwang/Subversion
Favourite book/movie > *Lord of the Rings* / *Searching For Tom Curren*
What's the nicest thing you've done for someone? I flew home early from overseas to surprise my girlfriend.
You've been given a million bucks – what's the first thing you spend it on? A house on the beach with a skate park in the backyard and a Monaro towing a Super Air Nautique team edition boat.
Who's your inspiration and why? The Dalai Lama – he helps me stay focused.
What's your best personality trait? Down to earth.
Name two things you want to have done by the time you're 22. To have surfed most of the best waves in the world and qualify for the WCT.
What's the one country in the world you'd love to visit? Why? New Zealand – to tuck away with my Mario bro's.
What's the one motto you stand by? Look on the bright side of things.
In one word tell us how your friends would describe you. Cruisy.

15 JAI 19



PIC > ANDREW SHEILD.

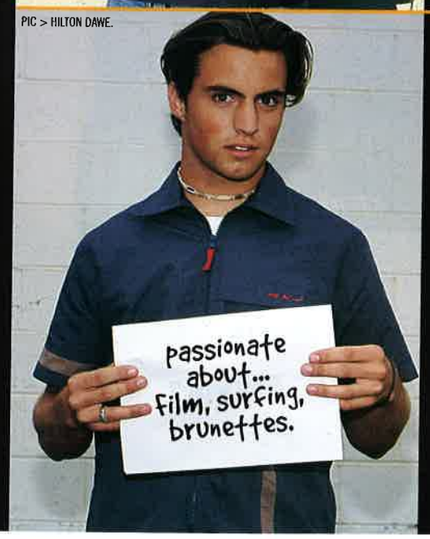
Star sign > Gemini
Favourite food > Mexican
Favourite song/band > Red Hot Chili Peppers
Favourite book/movie > *Lord of the Rings*
What's the nicest thing you've done for someone? I met a Swedish girl in Bali and I found out she was leaving that night so I took her out for a romantic dinner before she left.
You've been given a million bucks – what's the first thing you spend it on? A house on D-bah hill.
Who's your inspiration and why? Michael Jackson – he's got all the dance moves.
What's your best personality trait? I'm always happy.
Name two things you want to have done by the time you're 22. Travel the world and conquer my fear of heights.
What's the one country in the world you'd love to visit? Why? Brazil for the night life.
What's the one motto you stand by? Live life to its fullest..
In one word tell us how your friends would describe you. Lively.

16 TOMMY 21

PIC > ANDREW SHEILD.

Star sign > Aquarius
Favourite food > Organic anything
Favourite song/band > Mason Jennings, Black Panther
Favourite book/movie > *The Alchemist*
What's the nicest thing you've done for someone? Smiled at them – it promotes a happy atmosphere.
You've been given a million bucks – what's the first thing you spend it on? 500 acres of rolling hills somewhere west of Toowoomba. Put 50 heifers and 50 Brahmans on there and watch the love begin!
Who's your inspiration and why? Anyone prepared to look at the other side of life. Will Lewis – amazing man and real surfer. Glen Campbell – finest country singer ever. Tim Baker – writer, preacher of love and world peace.
What's your best personality trait? I'm an optimist.
Name two things you want to have done by the time you're 22. Ride Chainsaw (biggest bull in Queensland) for eight seconds and experience true love.
What's the one country in the world you'd love to visit? Why? India – the culture, the people, the depth of spirituality.
What's the one motto you stand by? If you don't go within, you go without.
In one word tell us how your friends would describe you. Out of place.

17 TIM 20



PIC > HILTON DAWE.

Star sign > Scorpio
Favourite food > Too hard to choose
Favourite song/band > Next
Favourite book/movie > *Pulp Fiction* and *Amelie*
What's the nicest thing you've done for someone? I'm dedicating my graduating film to my parents.
You've been given a million bucks – what's the first thing you spend it on? Sounds cliched, but travelling the world and taking all my friends and family along for the ride.
Who's your inspiration and why? My parents.
What's your best personality trait? I try to be nice to everyone.
Name two things you want to have done by the time you're 22. Find the meaning of life and be able to eat one dry Weet Bix in one minute.
What's the one country in the world you'd love to visit? Why? Norway, because it's a cool country.
What's the one motto you stand by? Always go with your intuition.
In one word tell us how your friends would describe you. Idiot!

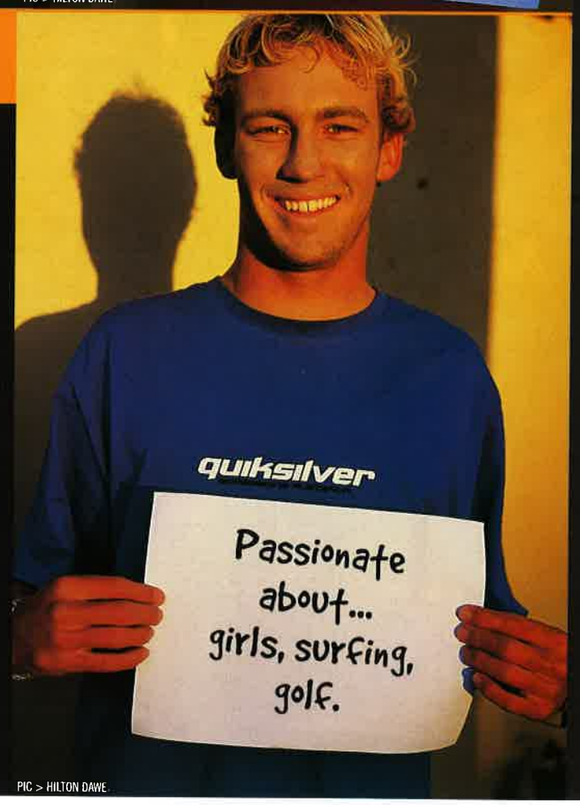
18 ANTHONY 19

Star sign > Pisces
Favourite food > Seafood
Favourite song/band > Michael Jackson
Favourite book/movie > *The Matrix*
What's the nicest thing you've done for someone? Picking up my parents from dinner the other day.
You've been given a million bucks – what's the first thing you spend it on? Something for my parents.
Who's your inspiration and why? Taylor Knox for becoming a pro surfer after breaking his back.
What's your best personality trait? Easygoing.
Name two things you want to have done by the time you're 22. Travelled the world and got as many barrels as possible.
What's the one country in the world you'd love to visit? Why? South Africa, because of all the wildlife.
What's the one motto you stand by? Life your life to the full.
In one word tell us how your friends would describe you. Crazy.

PIC > HILTON DAWE

19 JARRED 18

Star sign > Virgo
Favourite food > Pasta
Favourite song/band > Ashanti
Favourite book/movie > *The Matrix*
What's the nicest thing you've done for someone? Breakfast in bed.
You've been given a million bucks – what's the first thing you spend it on? I'd probably invest it.
Who's your inspiration and why? Kelly Slater because he's the man!
What's your best personality trait? Easygoing.
Name two things you want to have done by the time you're 22. Travel the world and go on a boat trip.
What's the one country in the world you'd love to visit? Why? America, because it's different.
What's the one motto you stand by? Don't really have one.
In one word tell us how your friends would describe you. Straightforward.



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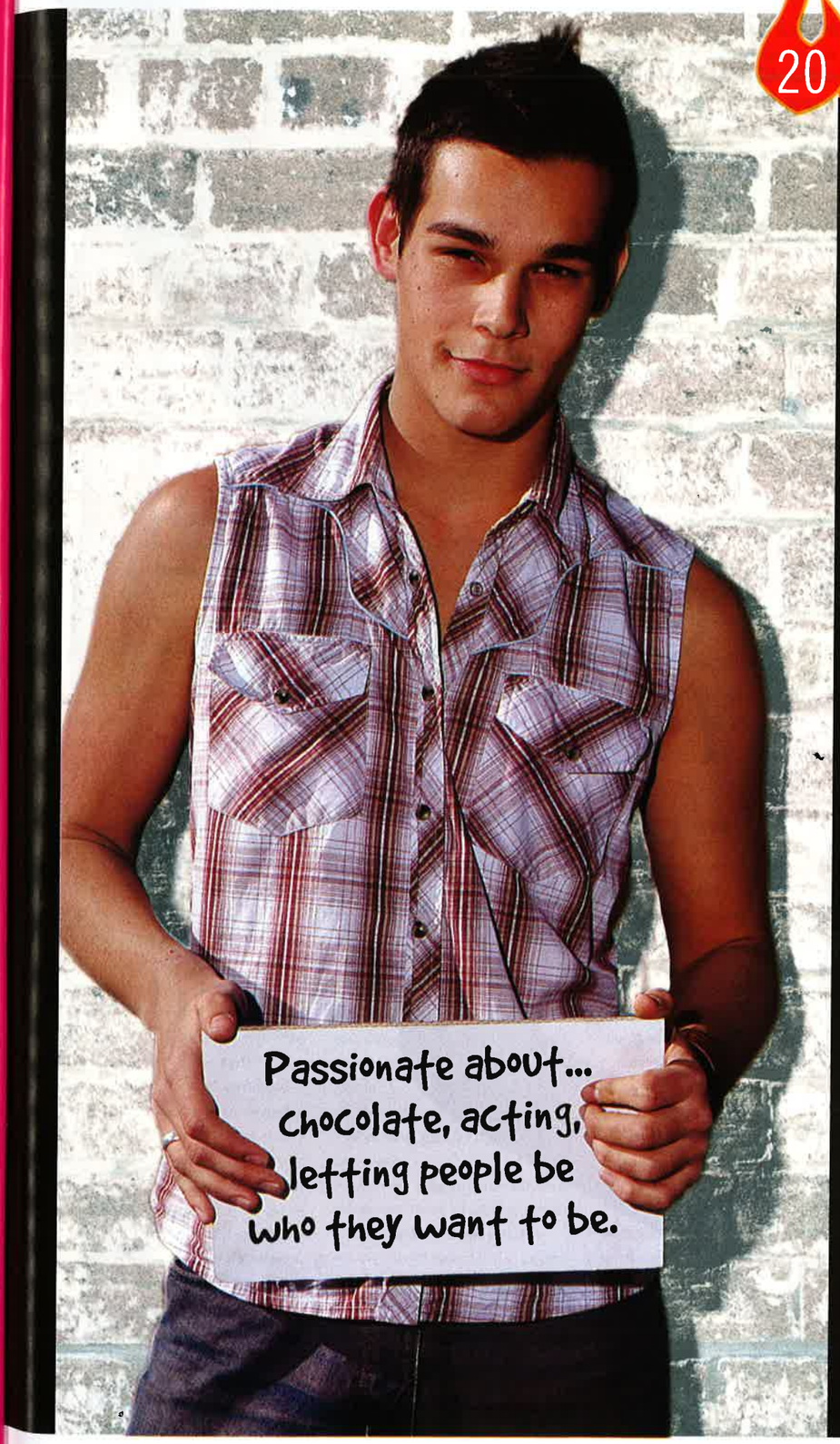

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Star sign > Aries
Favourite food > Chocolate
Favourite song/band > The Strokes
Favourite book/movie > *The Fifth Element*
What's the nicest thing you've done for someone?
Helped pay off my big sister's credit card.
You've been given a million bucks – what's the first thing you spend it on?
A mansion on the water.
Who's your inspiration and why?
My little sister for her wisdom.
What's your best personality trait?
My laughter.
Name two things you want to have done by the time you're 22.
Be on *Neighbours* and travel.
What's the one country in the world you'd love to visit? Why?
Canada – for partying.
What's the one motto you stand by?
Let go of all judgements.
In one word tell us how your friends would describe you.
Joyful.

HOW TO GET RICH

A high-flying career isn't the only way to financial independence – anyone can make a little cash go further. Tina Parker gives tips on making your dosh work for you.

Build a budget ...

Create yourself a budget and stick to it. It sounds simple, but ask any supposedly organised person if they follow a budget and you'll find most don't. (The ones that do, you won't be able to talk to because all their careful financial organisation has them travelling overseas or driving fast cars.) Follow this plan for creating a budget you can abide by, and maybe even save some money in the process.

1 List all your total regular income. Regular income includes any wages or allowance, Centrelink allowances, scholarship fund, etc. If the value fluctuates, for example you are paid hourly at a casual job, work on the absolute minimum you might receive and treat any extra hours, bonuses, overtime, or odd jobs earnings as bonus cash.

2 List all weekly expenses such as board, travel (bus fares, fuel), sporting or hobby costs, magazines, etc.

3 Allocate reasonable and adequate amounts to each. If you "underpay" you are likely to take the money from somewhere else anyway; if you "overpay" the money ends up being wasted rather than going towards something important.

4 Ensure to always pay yourself. A budget will not work if you are sacrificing simple pleasures.

5 Try to put some aside each week, no matter how small, to SAVE. Even just $5 a week gives you $250 extra to spend over Christmas; up it to $10 and you're looking at $500 for a summer splurge.

6 BONUS CASH. Sounds unrealistic, but it does happen – presents, sent from long-lost relatives, a last-minute babysitting-job payment, even the bribe to keep quiet from your brother. It's bonus cash you weren't expecting so treat it as a bonus no matter what the amount – bank it towards that new scooter, go on that trip up north with friends, or simply splurge on a movie and too many Maltesers with your best buddy.

7 Expect the unexpected. There will always be an expense you weren't planning on – an extra birthday in November you had forgotten, someone has bought you a Christmas present and you haven't budgeted them into your list, a party that absolutely requires those new jeans, an offer to pick up No Doubt tickets at the last minute, or the damn scooter needs a "service"! So as well as having savings towards something, also save towards nothing, the just-in-case fund. You don't need to regularly put money towards these possibly never-occurring emergencies, maybe just keep a $50 buffer (or more, depending on your own potential emergencies) in your account that you don't count as savings but sits waiting "just-in-case" you need it.

Which bank?

They are often considered a necessary evil with all their fees, charges and massive profits, but the fact is, you have to sit your money somewhere. If not to protect it from thieves (and siblings) searching under your bed, but to protect it from yourself! It's a lot harder to spend it if you can't touch it. So how do you save, and which bank, building society or credit union helps you save the best? Consider these points before you open that account and remember, banks and their fee structure change, so what may suit you today, may be totally unsuitable next year. Never be afraid to close an account and change banks to suit yourself – despite how it may feel, banks ARE actually there to serve you.

★ Compare the bank fees. Often building societies and credit unions offer lower or no monthly fees on regular, everyday accounts. Also look at fees charged for extra transactions, and withdrawals from other banks' ATMs.

★ How many transactions per month are free? Take note and make sure you stick to it.

★ Some banks charge for replacement cards if lost.

★ Extra interest is often offered if you make minimum deposits and no withdrawals. This is great if you're saving for something in particular and are not planning on withdrawing until you have the total amount.

★ Look at Christmas club accounts. These accounts are generally fee free and offer bonus interest – the only catch being you cannot access the money (without loss of interest and sometimes even a fee) until around December. Perfect if you want to save for a Christmas holiday.

★ Avoid cheques if you can. By having a chequebook you are automatically incurring extra fees: charges for the cheque book itself, government charges and taxes. Also, you are in danger of going over your cash limit if you are not pedantic in recording your transactions, and this can result with hefty dishonour fees, overdrawn fees, and interest charged on overdrawn amounts.

What about wheels?

★ Buy a reliable, second-hand car rather than brand new. Brand-new cars lose about a third of their purchase value on the way out the driveway. A reliable second-hand car will cost the same in servicing and fuel without the initial extra outlay, and will probably give you just as much in trade-in later.

★ Can you use public transport? Then do it. Cars are not just a fuel expense; they also involve oil, servicing, parts, registration, insurance, maintenance, washing and repair.

★ If you have use of your parents' car, stick with that and get yourself put on the insurance so when you eventually do get one yourself, you may have already built up a no-claim bonus on your parents' policy.

★ Save for it while you use public transport. A car is not an asset; it's a liability. It depreciates in value the moment you get in, costs you rather than paying you like most assets do, and in the end you will lose money on it. Why borrow and pay interest for something that is not going to make you a profit or even just your money back?

★ OK, so you absolutely, positively cannot survive without a car of your own, and you need it NOW, so that means a loan. Personal loans are bad debt – they cost you high interest, expensive set-up fees, and often include penalties for early payout. But, since you have decided you have no other way, you must look at:

– Is there an application fee?

– What other fees are involved in setting it up?

– Are there ongoing monthly fees (remember, these all add up and are accumulating interest as well)?

– Is the interest reducible (i.e. payable only on the amount you have left owing) or compound (i.e. payments do not change, interest is calculated on the total borrowed regardless of payments made)?

– Is the interest rate fixed or variable?

– Can you pay extra and pay out early without fees and charges?

– Compare interest rates

Different ways to save

★ Always pay off debts before starting to save. Generally the interest you are paying will be much greater than the interest you are earning.

★ Have a goal that you are saving for. Even if there isn't anything material you want, put a dollar figure on it. If you get to that figure and still don't want anything, find a higher-interest account to transfer the money to (fixed term or Christmas club) and start again with a new goal figure.

★ Reward yourself. Once you reach savings goals, go out and spend a bit (not all of it)!

★ Check out shopper dockets, vouchers, etc. You can pick up buy-one-get-one-free movie deals, discounted meals, shopping discounts, petrol deals.

★ Buy your magazines by subscription and save. Call **1800 069 918** to order your *Chick* subscription.

> ***Entertain yourself with free stuff and cheap stuff – the beach, videos during weeknights, movies on Tuesday, movie-meal deals, non-pay TV, rollerblading, basketball, beach volleyball, etc. Have parties instead of going out – save money and get a reputation for throwing cool get-togethers.***

★ Buy trendy clothing at cheap outlets, buy classical, timeless clothing (e.g. For job interviews, formals, etc) in quality labels. Ditto for your shoes – if they are out of season in six months why spend on quality? Shoes, suits, blazers, formal dresses that are designed not to date should be purchased in quality leather, cotton, wool, etc. These are items you will have for years and need to keep looking good. The extremely fashionable (for now) items of your wardrobe often only need to last six months, so don't spend six months wages on them.

★ Find the factory outlets and use them. Clothing can be slightly flawed, soiled, or last season. Most shops stock themselves for next season anyway so you are still not behind the fashion times.

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★ Keep fit for free, by running, walking, or just dancing in the lounge room!

Different ways to earn

Every little odd-job is payment towards something, and often the payment for odd jobs is better than the payment for real jobs. Try these for a bit of extra, easy-to-make, stress-free cash.

★ **Ironing** – do it in front of a video and you won't even notice the time it takes. Go around to all the neighbours, charge per basket (but look at the basket first, those old ladies know how to pack stuff in), get a stack of videos and veg-out in front of the ironing board and TV while still making money.

★ **Dogwalking** – it isn't hard to find the houses that need it. Just listen for the desperate-to-walk dog barking in the back yard. Let people know you can do it any time – they may not want you every week, but in case of illness or holidays, you get to make money and spend time in the sun as well.

★ **Babysitting** – one of the easiest jobs in the world as it generally involves evenings when the kids are asleep. Make the most of your time – do homework, read *Chick*, watch videos (and do a basket of ironing) while you are there!

★ **Sell**, don't throw out your old stuff. Have a garage sale, go to second-hand clothing shops, pawn shops, have a car-boot sale or a stall at the markets.

★ **Make money** from your **hobby** or skill. Are you good at painting, drawing, sailing, clay modelling, making jewellery? Set yourself up at a market stall and sell your wares or teach others how to do it. If you have good make-up skills, start face-painting kids. If you are really good at a sport, try coaching. Are you good at maths – become a tutor.

★ **Get a job.** If school demands are too much, wait until the holidays, but even just a weekend job can give you lots to spend (and lots to save) over your holidays. If you are working, not only are you earning, but also you are not spending!

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Khun Ying Mo once saved the city of Khorat from invasion. There was a monument erected in her honour and Thai people go to her statue to ask special favours. When these requests are successful, they hire groups of singers to perform near the statue as a token of their appreciation.

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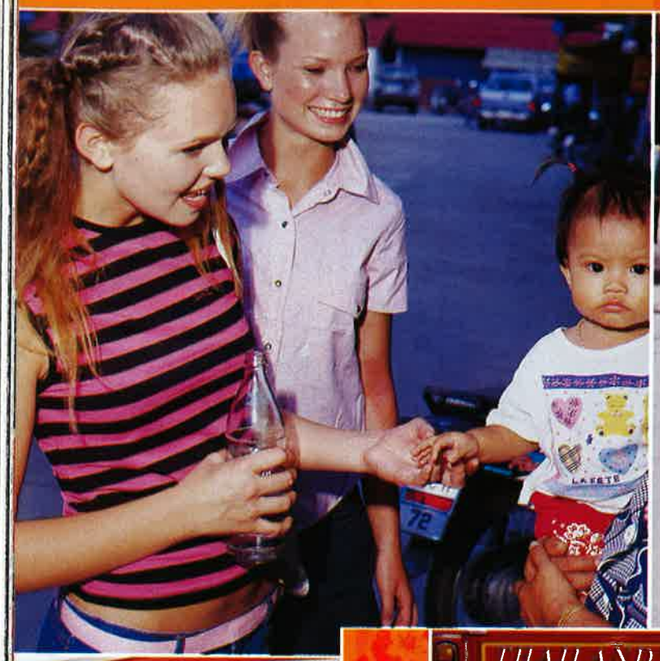

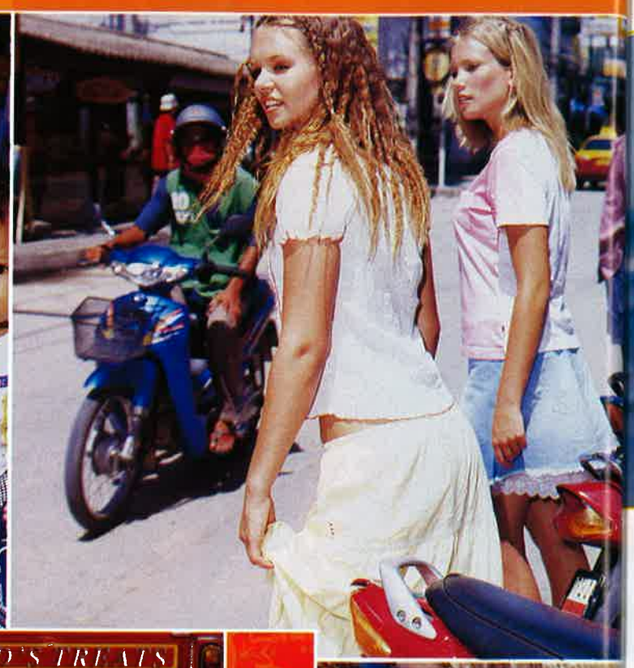

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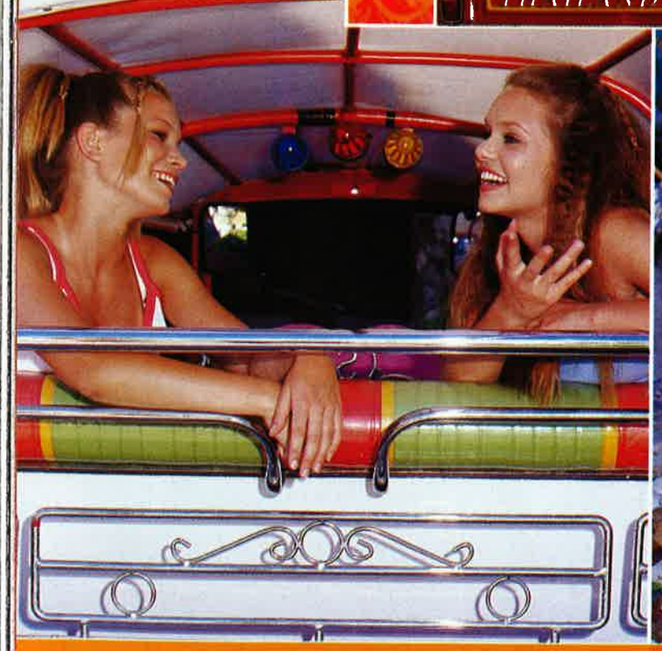

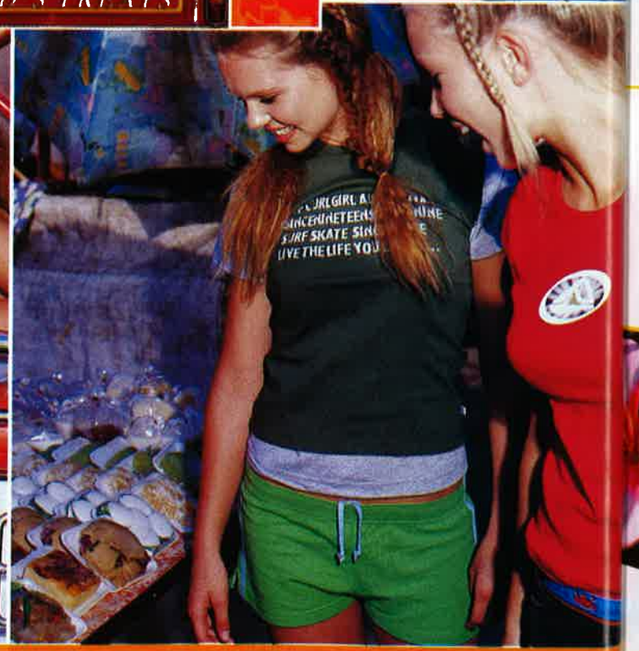

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Thailand is a fast-developing country, but traditional values are still very important. Thai society has a complex hierachy based on lines of age, wealth, relationships and occupation. Particular respect is shown to the elderly.

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Religion plays a big role in Thai life with the majority of the population being Buddists. Many men will spend a year of their youth as a monk, studying scriptures and living a life without material goods. Then they will decide whether they want to continue life as a monk or rejoin the rest of society.

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Loi Kratong is a Thai festival held in November and is an apology to "Mother Water" for polluting her. People light kratongs (floating lanterns) and send them out across the water. One Thai legend says that what a boy and a girl launch a kratong together they will be lovers in this life or the next.

Sanuk is Thai for fun! Thais have a good sense of fun and like to play pranks on each other. However, to humiliate someone is unacceptable in their culture. "Saving face" is very important to Thai people and for this reason they avoid confrontation and compromising situations.

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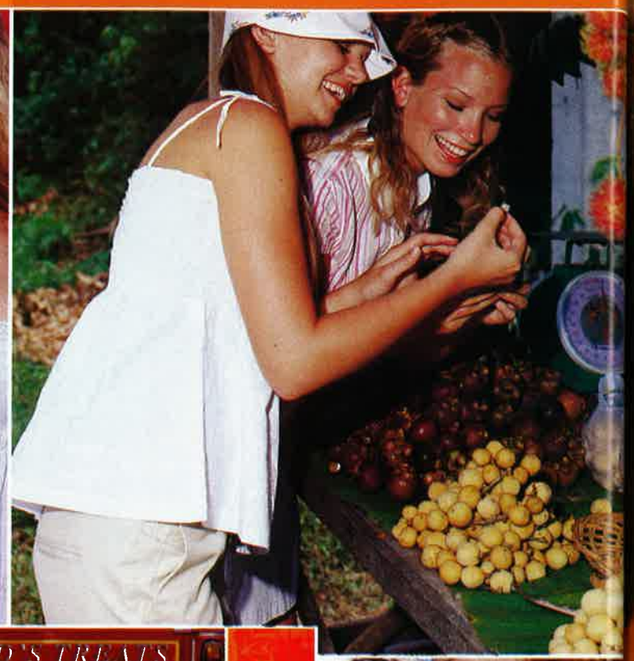

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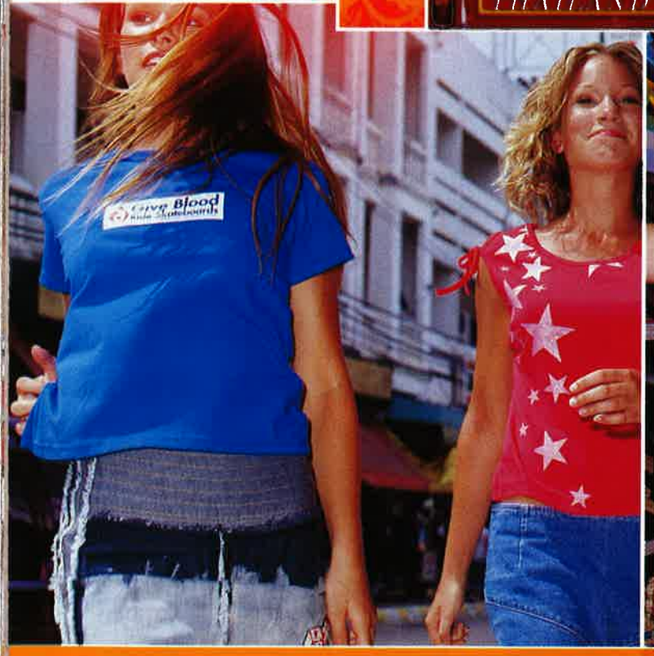

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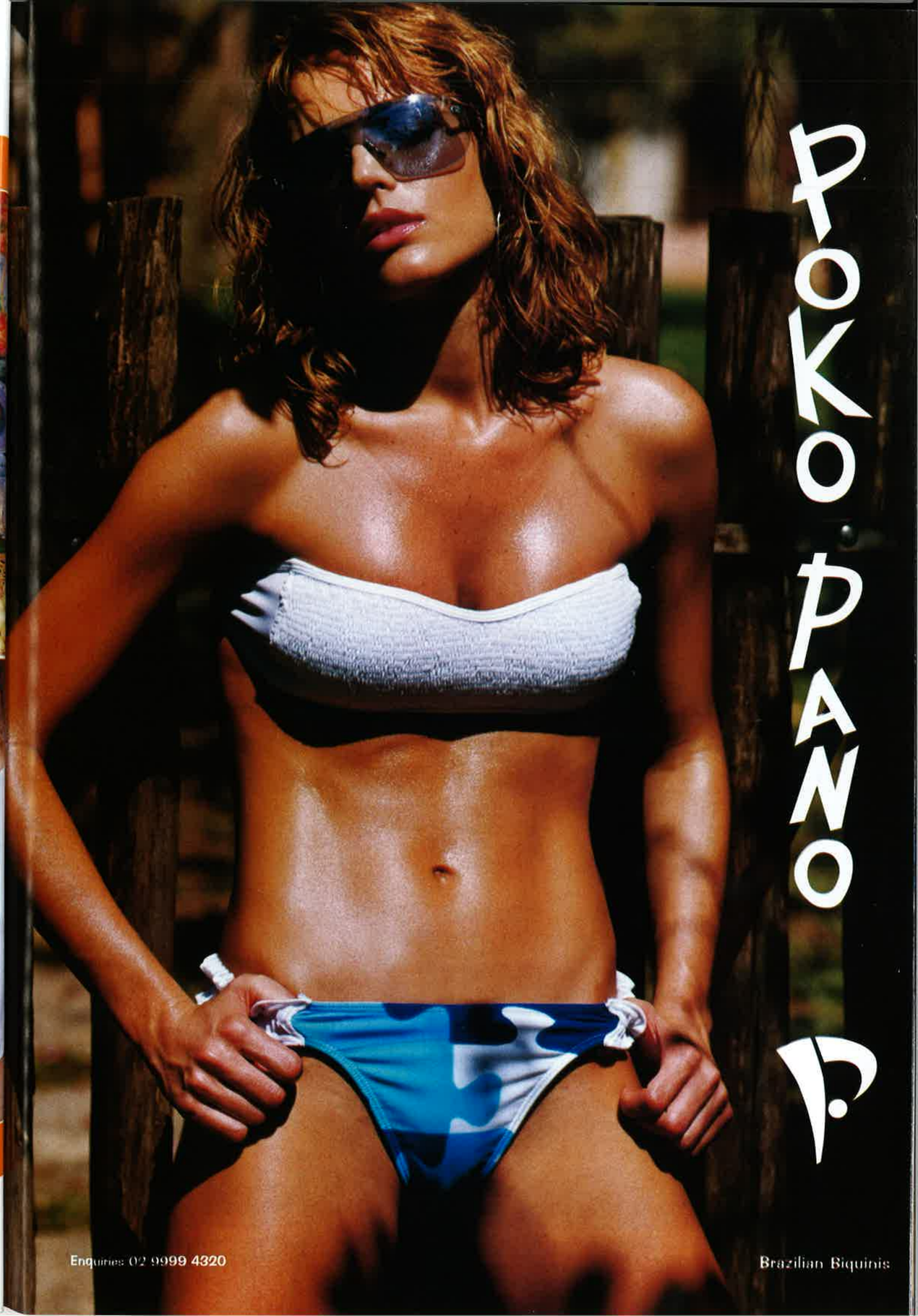

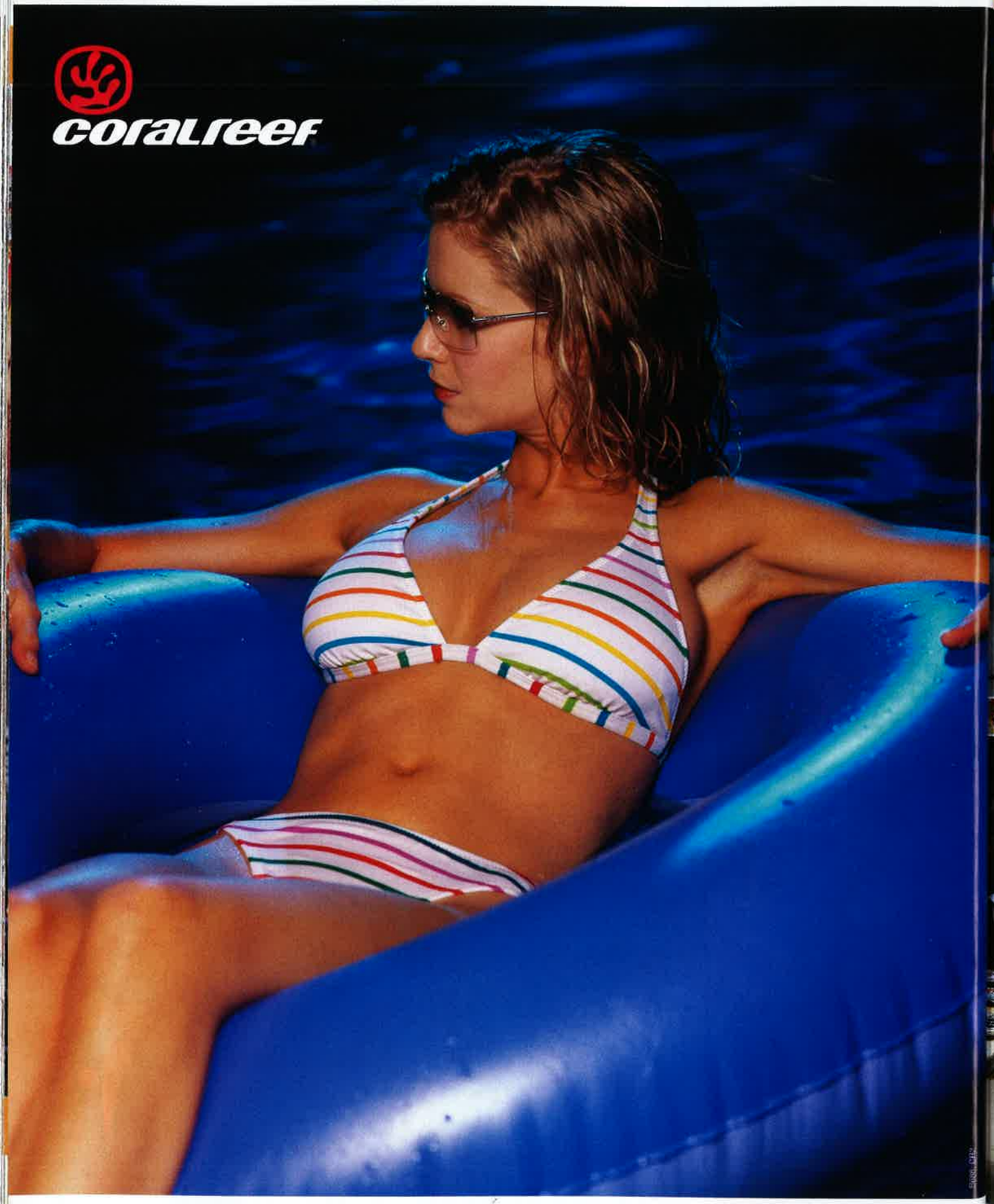

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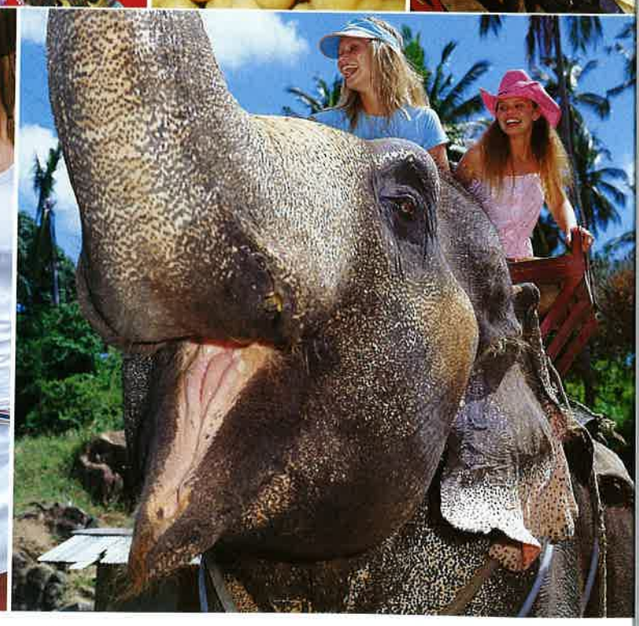

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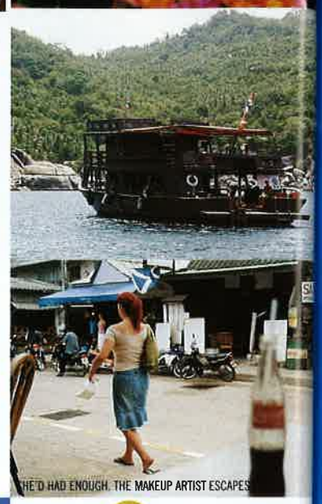

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Summer's up!

TO CELEBRATE THE BEGINNING OF SUMMER, WE TAKE A LOOK AT SURFING – A SPORT WHICH MAKES UP A BIG PART OF SUMMER. COME TRAVEL TO REMOTE ISLANDS WITH THE ROXY AND RIP CURL GIRLS, MEET THREE GIRLS WHO PROMISE TO IMPACT ON THE FUTURE OF SURFING, AND FINALLY RUN AMOK AT THE BIGGEST UNDERAGE SURFING CONTEST IN OZ – THE RUSTY GROMFEST.

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STACEY'S DAIRY

THE THING ABOUT SURFING IS THE DESTINATIONS YOU GET TO TRAVEL TO. STACEY HOLT TAGGED ALONG TO THE FIJIAN ROXY PRO AND JESSIE MILEY-DYER LAPPED UP THE SUNSHINE IN HAWAII FOR THE RIP CURL GIRL'S CELEBRATION OF WOMEN'S SURFING. HERE, THEY TELL OF THEIR ADVENTURES THROUGH PARADISE.

STACEY'S IN THE MIDDLE AT THE BACK.

On Friday 26th April, with my passport and ticket clutched tightly in my hand, I heard the final boarding call for the flight travelling from Brisbane to Nadi, Fiji. My first trip overseas and I was heading off for eight days of fun in the sun! I was a little nervous, but so excited ...

The place > Fiji is thriving with lush green vegetation, beautiful tropical flowers and scattered with simple little shanty-style homes. It's so hot here, but it's so good. All you have to wear is your favourite bikini – that's it. Perfect! From the main island we travelled for about 15 mins across ocean to Namotu with our entire load of luggage (dozens of bags and even more surfboards) on our way to paradise, two islands separated by reef and not a sign of modern civilisation. Pure white sand, crystal-blue waters. On arrival to Namotu we were greeted by the locals with a lei of shells and a fruit cocktail. There are only a few kms between the islands and lots of marine life such as fish, reef sharks and dolphins.

Oh, and surf breaks everywhere!

The crew > I hadn't seen the girls since the Roxy Pro on the Gold Coast – it was so exciting and we had heaps to catch up on! Sofia Mulanovich, Chelsea Georgeson, Samantha Cornish, Cassia Meador, Heidi Drazich, Veronica Kay, Megan Abubo, Lisa Andersen. Everyone was there and totally buzzing on what we were going to experience. As a triallist in the Roxy Pro event I was able to be in Fiji along with the top 18 girls in the world. I was so thankful to Roxy for offering me the opportunity to visit Fiji and be a part of this event.

The comp > We didn't start the contest 'till the 1st of May so we had heaps of time to play! I got to surf in the trials (at Cloudbreak) with only three other surfers out, Veronica Kay (USA), Sofia Mulanovich (Peru) and Adalina Taylor (Spain). The waves were super clean, 3-4ft and so fun. I was prepared for the event and not too nervous, just excited as I jumped off the boat and paddled out into the lineup. I did OK in the trials and came third, narrowly being beaten by Adalina Taylor who came second and Sofia Mulanovich won, scoring the wildcard into the main event. I was happy with my result. What an awesome experience, to be able to surf the trials for the Roxy Pro! As the girls battled it out in their heats it was Mel Redman (Aus) who won beating Roxy team rider Heather Clark (Sth Afr). It was held at Cloudbreak, which was so windy the people in their boats were seasick and many had to head back to the islands. The girls competing were becoming seasick on the ferry and had to jump in the water on their boards to calm their bellies down. It was a mad way to end a contest. The presentation was held on Tavarua and Mel and Heather sprayed champagne over everyone as they accepted their trophies. The closing party was so much fun. I danced the night away with all of my friends. A perfect way to end a dream come true.

The fun stuff > With the contest called off it was a perfect opportunity to get the Roxy girls together for photo shoots. All we had to do was go surfing, swimming and play around in the water. Too easy. We had lots of laughs.

"You feel like such a water baby here. All you do is swim, surf, swim, surf, swim, and surf!"

Some afternoons we went snorkelling, which was unreal. The colours of the coral and fish were electric. It was unbelievable. You feel like such a water baby here. All you do is swim, surf, swim, surf, swim, and surf! Keala Kennelly visited Namotu one arvo promoting a DJ KK gig at the pool on Tavarua with pool basketball. Keala had brought her CD mixer with her and was determined to stir up some fun. It sounded like a great way to spend the afternoon, but our plans went on hold as a massive tropical storm hit the islands. I have never seen anything quite like it or heard anything like it either. The lightning and thunder were frightening. The raindrops were huge and it really bucketed down. When the storm cleared I was able to watch the sunset and see the moon rise with the many stars. It was amazing, like being caught in a time lapse. Then there was karaoke! Uh, oh! Time to bust out! With so much time to spare we also went wakeboarding. So much fun! Our butts and legs were so sore. The late afternoons 'till dusk were chill time. Everyone is either by the pool or cuising the seashore. It's so relaxing. Just being here mellows you out. One day island hopping became our agenda. We all packed our wetlock bags with supplies and cameras and headed off to Castaway Island. Once there, we went for a short forest walk with amazing views and then swam in the pool before heading back to Namotu for lunch. We also got to check out where they filmed the movie Castaway!

The surf > Cloudbreak is way out in front of Tavarua, a short boat ride away. Restaurants breaks right on to Tavy and you can watch your friends surf while lounging on the deck chairs by the pool or snacking at the restaurant! Swimming Pools is located in between both islands and is a perfect righthand break!

AND THE WINNER IS ... MEL REDMAN!

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JESSE'S JOURNAL

WHEN A SURFER MENTIONS HAWAII, WE IMMEDIATELY THINK OF THE NORTH SHORE; WAIMEA, SUNSET, PIPELINE, "DROWNING". IN THE SUMMER, HOWEVER THESE SURFING MECCAS ARE FLAT AND THE WAVES ARE FOUND ON THE SOUTH SHORE IN THE WAIKIKI AREA. EVERY YEAR HERE RIP CURL GIRL PUT ON THE CHINA CHIMERA SURFING CONTEST FOR ALL SHAPES AND SIZES – FROM 10-YEAR-OLDS ON BODYBOARDS TO 55-YEAR-OLDS ON MALIBUS, CHINA'S CONTEST CATERS FOR US ALL.

This year I was lucky enough to go to Waikiki for the contest. And what a contest it was! There were little grommies – the pee wees – running around everywhere. The famous Hawaiian "Aloha" spirit was unreal as well; sitting around the contest site we were listening to traditional ukelele tracks instead of the Aussie norm of punky headbanger bands. Unlucky for us we didn't score any epic Hawaiian waves, although Queens Beach at Waikiki was still a fun two feet.

The best thing about the contest, however, was all the young surfie girls (like me) from Hawaii and the amusing questions they asked me about Australia. All those stereotypical American questions that you hear about they actually asked me! Things like: Have I been raised by kangaroos? Do we put sunscreen on white kangaroos? Do I speak English? Do I have television? Do I live near the glass pyramid (The Opera House)? I mean really! Surely us Aussies don't come across as that uncivilised?! Another thing that amazed them was rhyming slang and the rest of our colloquial language. Coming across some Aussie tourists on the beachfront one day, Kristen Steiner from Kaui was at my elbow whispering in my ear "Speak language with them!" I was like, What? Language? You mean slang?!

Another good thing about Hawaii is the food. There are like 500 types of breakfast cereals. Every time I turned on the TV there was another being advertised that I hadn't seen before, usually in fluorescent blues, greens and oranges or chocolate flavoured. I could go downstairs from my hotel room and take my pick in the ABC store. These are like multi-purpose stores with everything from food to sarongs, and are located around every 50 metres. There was actually some unreal stuff in them; I got Mum some gardenia perfume and dad vanilla macadamia nut flavoured kona coffee and I couldn't do anything wrong for days after I got back.

Even if the surf is flat the North Shore is a cool place to go visit. Us Rip Curl Girls went for a quick surf at Backdoor one day and then swam ("Yeah, we went out") at Waimea Bay, which looks like a scene off a postcard. There you can do rad stuff like rock jumps and get rocks and run on the bottom, which is actually really hard! What better a place to train for epic Hawaiian winter swells than at Waimea Bay?

So I can now cast my memory back to my very first morning in Hawaii in the surf at Waikiki, where a huge local man paddled out on a red mal, stretched his arms out and remarked "Ah, so begins another perfect day in Waikiki", and know that for a short time I truly was a haole (not a local) in a dreamland.

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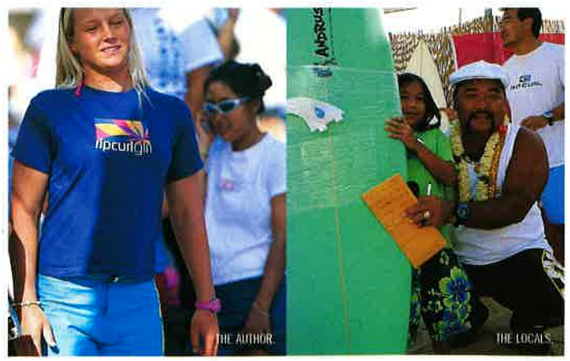
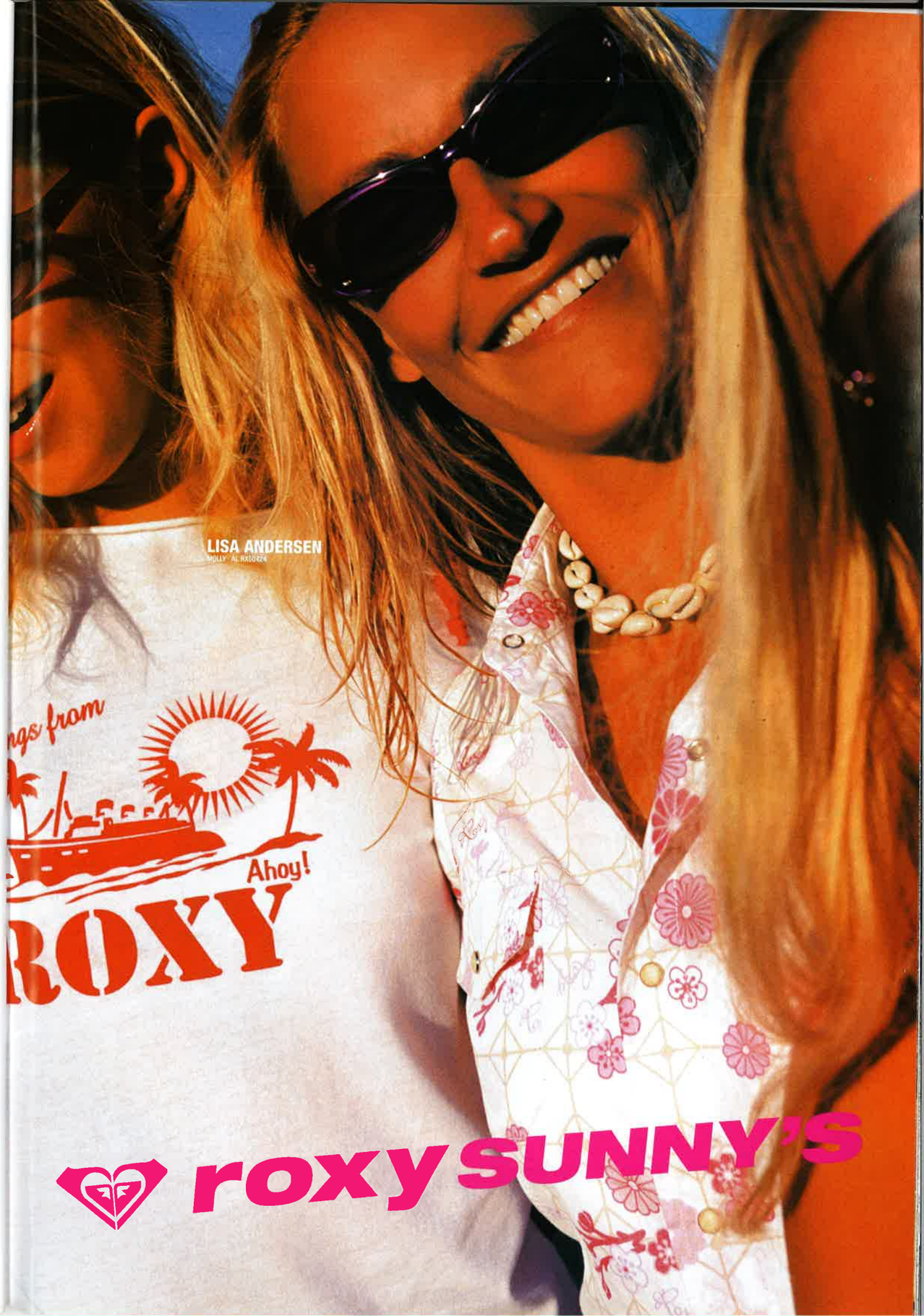


Ten things to do in Hawaii

1. Hire an outrigger on the beach and go for a tour of Waikiki.
2. Go shopping at Ala Moana – it's huge!
3. Eat at the Duke's outrigger canoe club.
4. Watch sidewalk performers breakdancing and pretending to be statues.
5. Go tandem surfing at Queens Beach in Waikiki
6. Eat onion rings at a fast-food restaurant!
7. Go swimming at Waimea Bay and jump off the rock jump in the national park.
8. Go spear fishing amongst the hundreds of reefs.
9. Buy some Shisheido sunscreen, the American version of Ella Bache
10. Have fun! Just 'cause you're in Hawaii.



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RUSTY GROMFEST

A WEEKEND WHERE YOUTH CULTURE AND THE OCEAN COLLIDED, SPAWNING THE MONSTER OF ALL JUNIOR SURF COMPS. WELCOME TO THE SEVENTH ANNUAL RUSTY GROMFEST ...

WHERE
The normally sleepy Northern NSW town of Lennox Heads.

THE PLAYERS
400 surfers under the age of 16.

THE CASUALTIES
A few surfboards. Oh, and lolly supplies at the 7-11.

THE CONDITIONS
With waves at Lennox too small even for the tiniest competitors, the festivities were moved to nearby North Wall, Ballina. The swell increased all weekend, from small yet clean conditions on the opening day, to competitors scoring four-foot (1.5m) perfection by the time the final hooter sounded.

THE MAYHEM
With the comp moving to Ballina, Lennox survived relatively unscathed – until night fell! Six hundred + people would swarm the streets with a million groms creating a ruckus. But nothing compared to the Rusty sticker tosses. Picture 400 groms ready to pulverise anything that came between them and a free piece of plastic and you've still got no idea! Truly scary stuff.

The visitors
Spectators scored more dolphin sightings than you would watching 50 re-runs of *Flipper*.

They were everywhere! Busting airs and surfing along the waves with competitors, it was like they were giving the comp two thumbs up. Or should that be two flippers? Whatever, they were only outshone when the odd whale came to the party, distracting the crowd from the awesome surfing on hand with their sheer size and beauty. Forget the Discovery Channel – this was the place to be.

THE DECKHANDS
What would the largest grommet comp be without a few token adults? The organisers and Rusty crew did well to make the comp the best so far! Eighteen-year-old former World Air Champ Josh Kerr had the groms frothing for signed posters. It wasn't that long ago he'd been battling it out in the comp too. Similar story for local sponsored surfer Jarrod Sullivan. Just 18 and on the judging panel, he did a great job, but still wasn't a threat on fellow judge Odin Green – who took out best judge with 99.97% correct scoring.

THE STARS OF THE FUTURE
Looks like the future of surfing is in safe hands! Both the boys and girls divisions saw mind-blowing performances – most notably Ben Dunn and Jessie Miley-Dyer. Both managed to be the only people who'd successfully defended Under 16 Gromfest titles.

No easy feat considering the field was stronger than ever this year – WA's Jaime Wheatley turned a few heads and scored a finals berth in her first-ever Gromfest appearance. Renee Hyman proved her first year in the 16 division wasn't going to go to waste, but it was Nicola Atherton that was posing a major threat to Jessie's reign. Pretty funny when you consider they could pass for sisters, both shred, and both live in the same area of Sydney. Must be something in the water there, huh?

THE DOWNSIDE
Yep, while the comp was good and all, we've got a few complaints >

a Absence of skating and bands this year. Bring 'em back we say!

b Not enough free food for the lazy journalists. I'll have chicken and mayo toasted sandwich on Turkish bread thanks ... Only pulling your leg, the catering was awesome! Gotta love having the local firebrigade cooking you sausages – "Would you like that well done or charcoal? Would you like us to put it out for you first?"

3 Too many people having fun in too short a time. Maybe this could be fixed by making it a week-long festival? Pleeeaassee?

THE VICTORS

16 AND UNDER GIRLS	14 AND UNDER GIRLS	12 AND UNDER GIRLS
1 Jessie Miley-Dyer	1 Stephanie Gilmore	1 Izzy Chilcott
2 Nicola Atherton	2 Sophie Curtis	2 Sally Fitzgibbons
3 Renee Hyman	3 Jessica Hickson	3 Georgie Roach
4 Jaimee Wheatley	4 Lori Kelly	4 Kelly Winter

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RUSTY GROMFEST

...the comp...

IF 400 UNDER 16-YEAR-OLDS IN ONE TINY TOWN AIN'T THE PERFECT PLACE FOR A SOCIAL STUDY, WE DON'T KNOW WHERE IS! WE ASKED GROMFEST PUNTERS WHAT SEVEN WORDS SUM UP WHERE YOUTH CULTURE IS AT IN 2002.

Kate 12. "Surfing, eating, skating, hanging out, movies and mates."

Jess 15, **Natasha** 15. "Freedom, friends, beach culture, music, having fun!"

Tom 16. "Just surfing and fun and stuff!"

Tommy 16, **Ashlee** 16, **Ena** 14, **Meredyth** 17. "Summer, holidays, boys, shopping, chillin', surfing, scoffing!"

Wade 15, **Michael** 16, **Chris** 16. "Vertical, beaches, sand, reefcuts, sponos, parties, school."

Sophie 14, **Amanda** 14, **Emma** 16, **Chani** 15. "Boys, surfing, running amok, skating and being stupid."

Josh 15, **Jesse** 13, **Karissa** 19. "Fashion, fun, music, skating, surfing, snowboarding, crazy tripping."

Dean 16, **Drew** 15. "Surfing, having fun, freedom, getting L's, learning – 'coz everything's new."

Tom 15, **Courtney** 14. "Punk, surf, video games, beanbags, sleepin' and eating."

Kelly 16, **Ben** 15, **Richard** 13. "Random parties, gangster style, drinking, smiles, sunshine, pies and surfing."

Scott 15, **Daniel** 14, **Evan** 16, **Beau** 14, **Cory** 15. "Chicks, surfing, good health, shreds, skating, ripping."

KYLIE WEBB. PIC BY TOM AUGUSTINE.

STEPHANIE GILMORE. PIC BY TOM AUGUSTINE.

PORTRAITS BY EZRA PATCHETT AND ALEX GUZMAN.

POWER OF THREE

THREE GIRLS ARE MAKING A HUGE IMPACT IN THE SURFING SCENE. ADDED TO THEIR LIST OF FLOGGINGS IS THE RECENT AZTEC ROSE ALL GIRLS SURF SHOWDOWN WHERE 187 COMPETITORS BATTLED IT OUT IN SEVEN DIVSIONS. REBECCA WOODS, CHELSEA WILLIAMS AND STEPHANIE GILMORE MANAGED TO WIN FIVE MAJOR DIVISIONS BETWEEN THE THREE OF THEM. WE TAKE YOU BACK TO THE DAY THEY STAMPED THEIR NAMES ON THE FUTURE OF SURFING.

STEPHANIE GILMORE > 14

Vital Stats > From Kingscliff, NSW. Loves biting her nails, and music by Jack Johnson, India Arie, Ben Harper, Jimaroqai and No Doubt. Thinks chocolate is a food group.

If you didn't already know that '90s movie *Happy Gilmore* was an Adam Sandler golf comedy, you'd swear it was the title of Steph's life story. Seriously, the girl smiles more than a used car salesman.

Then again, Steph did have plenty of reasons to smile at the All Girls.

She was on fire – even older competitors were shaking in their boots. Bec Woods reckons "She's just phenomenally good for her age. But age aside, I'm just glad she wasn't in my heats!" Her enviable style had a few spectators wondering if she was WCT surfer Mick Fanning with a fake piggy tail. While Steph's a lot prettier than the fellow Southern Gold Coast surfer, her lightning-fast moves and ability to bust the odd air make you wonder if she hasn't been watching him closely. But at the All Girls it was tour veterans Prue Jefferies and Kylie Webb that Steph was keeping tabs on. Not surprising, since competing on the WCT is high on her wish list.

"I'd love to win a World Title or two!

But I'd be happy just to have a career in surfing. That's all I want."

Got a feeling Happy Gilmore might just get what's she's after.

CHELSEA WILLIAMS > 17

Vital Stats > Originally from SA, now at Tweed Heads. Competing for three years. When she's not chillin' to Nelly, Eminem and DMX, she's surfing the net or surfing waves at Gold Coast's Snapper Rocks.

Put this girl anywhere near a longboard, and she's charging. That's the way it looked after she took out both the Best Hang Five trophy and the Open longboard division.

On the beach, Chelsea was quiet and reserved – seeing it was her first Aztec Rose Showdown ever – but a cheeky sparkle in her eyes hinted at some hidden boisterousness.

"I've met a few people, most are hanging with their own group of friends, but everyone's been really nice. Especially (contest organiser) Mel Mott, she's really cool."

As for who she was watching, seems longboard or shortboard, all the girls were ripping.

"It's sooo good, the standard of girls is getting better all the time."

Not that Chelsea's been around comps that long to make major comparisons. She only started surfing four years ago when her dad gave her a hand-me-down board. Yet in the short time she's donned comp singlets, she's definitely made her mark. She's already claimed a first in both the Open Longboard division at the Voodoo Dolls Surf Smash and Open women's title at Malfunction this year.

So where'd she score the talent from – was it her dad, who scored fourth in the over 45s at the Aussie titles last year? Her twinkly eye went into overdrive and a smirk escapes her. Well, if not, will she ever surf better than him? "I probably already do!" she giggled.

REBECCA WOOD > 18

Vital Stats > Rebecca's leading the Billabong Junior Circuit for '02. She lives at Copacabana on the Central Coast of NSW. Loves junk food and vibes fromBen Harper to Basement Jaxx.

For someone who'd never attended a showdown, Bec looked pretty stoked.

And it wasn't just because she was blazing through her heats, rather because the weather was so good. "Oh my god, I can't believe how awesome the sun is today! Home's been like the Artic Circle, so cold!"

While Bec's convo would occasionally switch to the surfing standard of her rivals, temperature levels remained a key focus all weekend. And who could blame her? Blue skies, offshore winds and a nice 1-1.5-metre swell made sure all the girls had smiles on their dials.

But mention Bec's name to the other girls, especially as part of a heat draw, and you'd get a less than sunny response. Not that she's not liked, she's just a super fearsome competitor. A tasty vertical snap in the semi-finals scored her a trophy for the Best Manoeuvre of the comp. A solid tube in the finals garnered her the Best Tube trophy.

Add to the medal count wins in both the Open Pro title and 21 and Under division, and you could say she looked suspiciously like a trophy cabinet with legs.

Watching her score so many awards made it hard to imagine she'd thought of tossing it all in a year ago.

"It's been such an awesome weekend. I've had a awesome year come to think of it.

"But I was really serious about giving up competing for good, and just focus on school."

Luckily a love of surfing won out, and with the HSC nearly over you'd better watch out when surfing's the only thing on her mind.

DIVISION WINNERS

14 & UNDER
4TH Caitlyn HAYLES
3RD Jessica HICKSON
2ND Ashleigh SMITH
1ST Stephanie GILMORE

SENIOR O/ 28
4TH Priscilla-Anne HENSLER
3RD Bree BAGSHAW
2ND Kaye LLEWELYN
1ST Kylie WEBB

21 & UNDER
4TH Chani DEANE
3RD Jessi MILEY-DYER
2ND Sheridan SHIELDS
1ST Rebecca WOODS

LONGBOARD
4TH Mel MOTT
3RD Emma WILSON
2ND Selby RIDDLE
1ST Chelsea WILLIAMS

B DIVISION
4TH Jade KOLKKA
3RD Kerene WHITE
2ND Kristie DROUGH
1ST Heidi MAGEE

16 & UNDER
4TH Renee HYMAN
3RD Nicola ATHERTON
2ND Jessi MILEY-DYER
1ST Stephanie GILMORE

OPEN PRO
4TH Laurina McGRATH
3RD Jenny BOGGIS
2ND Pru JEFFERIES
1ST Rebecca WOODS

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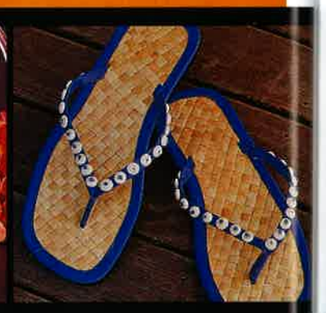

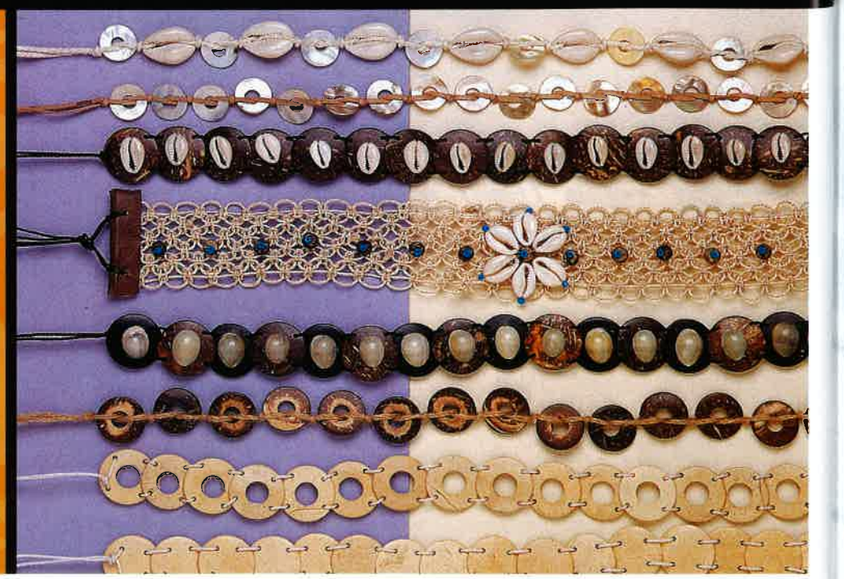

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(L-R), CAM, GRANT, ROSS AND BEN, YOUR FRIENDLY SHOPPING GUIDES. >>

Hasn't October suddenly decided to get all darn festive?

With both M One and Livid on the horizon, we figured you'd need a gear guide to get you through both massive days. Always ready to help, frequent festival fixtures Body Jar roamed the malls for the perfect 10 items to keep you rocking 24/7. Good luck getting this stuff through the door. PICS BY ANDREW SHEILD

ITEM 1: A STUPID SAYING'S T-SHIRT.
Ben "Just because they're always so popular – you'd almost feel like a freak without one! Besides, we're low-brow guys who get a chuckle outta these kinda things."

ITEM 2: DISPOSABLE CAMERA.
Cam "To take blackmail piccies of your friends while they're sloshed, or take shots of bands. There's only one button, so it's just point and shoot."

ITEM 3: HIP FLASK.
Ben "Makes smuggling in your own stash of Ribena a hell of a lot easier."

ITEM 4: VIDEO CAMERA.
Ross "Make boot-leg videos of your favourite bands and post them on the net. You bought their CD – they owe you!"

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ITEM 5: TAPESTRY KIT.
Cam "To kill time between band sets. Also doubles for doing emergency repairs to the clothes you ripped in the mosh."

ITEM 6: TINSEL WIG.
Grant and Ross "It's the real way to be a metal head."

ITEM 7: AXE.
Grant "Crowd control*"
*Disclaimer: We here at *Chick* don't condone this method – although a chain saw would work better.

ITEM 8: THONGS.
Ben "Bugger sensible shoes. This is a great Aussie tradition! Plus you're allowed to wear socks."

ITEM 9: ANTI-RASH POWDER.
Grant "This ... is pretty obvious really."

ITEM 10: BEROCCA.
Cam "To avoid Vitamin B depletion. Just because you're at a festival, it doesn't mean you should overlook good nutrition."

ITEM 11: BBQ SETTING.
(Yeah, the boys can't count)
All "Might be tricky getting this to the front of the dance tent, but you just know it'd be worth it."

Chick's verdict ...

Well, while they might be fine ideas, there's a few that are a bit of a worry. What do we endorse? The disposable camera, the Berocca, and maybe the tinsel wig if you're feeling that way inclined. Ditto for the tapestry and the T-shirt! Bar the thongs for closed footwear, don't try the axe unless you wanna wind up behind bars, and don't take the video camera as a) they're not allowed in b) it'd be an expensive loss. Maybe pack a jumper in case it cools down at night, and don't take anything you couldn't handle losing. Oh yeah, and may the force be with you!

SCORE A DOUBLE PASS TO CATCH BODY JAR LIVE AT LIVID!

Yep, while their shopping ability isn't the greatest, these boys sure now how to rock. They'll be sharing the bill with; Oasis, Powderfinger, Grinspoon, George, Unwritten Law, Sum 41, Motor Ace and more! Plus skate demos from the DC and Pepsi Max teams, rides, stalls, dance tent, and an animation movie festival. We've got a double pass for each Livid event; Brisbane, RA Showgrounds, 12th Oct, Melbourne, Melbourne Park, 19th Oct, Sydney, Moore Park, 20th Oct. **To win, tell us first which State you'd like to attend, then give us a few shopping tips that we can pass on to the 'Jar to improve their mall finesse. Most creative sparks score the goods. Send entries to 'Livid Comp', PO BOX 823, Burleigh Heads, Q. 4220.**

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Footbag, or hacky sack as it's more widely known, is an awesome way to increase your co-ordination and have a blast outdoors at the same time. It's also a cheap, social, pocket-sized remedy for boredom too. So whatcha waiting for? Get hacking!

C'MON, GET HACKY

The sport

Footbag is kinda like an aerial version of soccer without a goalie. The whole idea is to keep the "footsack" off the ground without using your hands. This is done using all parts of your body to catch, kick and control the sack. You've no doubt seen the most popular form of the sport, where the footbag is passed between a circle of people. But there's also a net version of the game, as well as competitive "freestyle footbag", where players are judged on difficulty of moves and choreograph routines to music!

The scoop

Get started by practising some basic moves with your mates. You can do this anywhere – at school, in your backyard, at the beach, waiting for the bus – wherever there's enough room to have a kick around. Form a loose circle, and start shredding! Concentrate on catching and kicking the sack with different parts of your feet – toes, sides and even your heel. It may take a while before you can keep the sack off the ground for more than a few seconds, but stick with it and you'll improve in leaps and bounds.

Stuff you'll need

All you'll require is a footbag and some energy to burn. There's different footbags for different levels, but luckily "beginner" bags are usually the cheapest. You'll be able to score one for under 10 bucks. Try craft markets, alternative stores or even purchase 'em online. Our tip? Suss **www.hotpota-to.com.au** for good-quality Australian-made footbags, or call **0411 360 303**. They even sell "sew your own kits" if you'd like to craft yourself a custom sack. For fancy footwork, shoes are also a consideration. Most top level "freestylers" swear by Dunlop "Rod Laver" tennis shoes. But barefoot or Birkenstock clad, wear whatever works for you!

The scene

Social or anti-social, this sport can be either. Practice solo, or bust your footbag out in a park – nine times out of 10 you'll get a few punters keen to join the action! There are even footbag clubs and clinics, check **www.footbag.org** to see if there's anything going in your neck of the woods.

Suss it out

If you want more pointers on starting out, there's a whole world of foot sack info on the web.

★ For everything from step-by-step trick instructions to event info, go to www.footbag.org

★ Find footbag merchandise like mags or instructional video *Tricks Of The Trade* at **www.worldfootbag.com**

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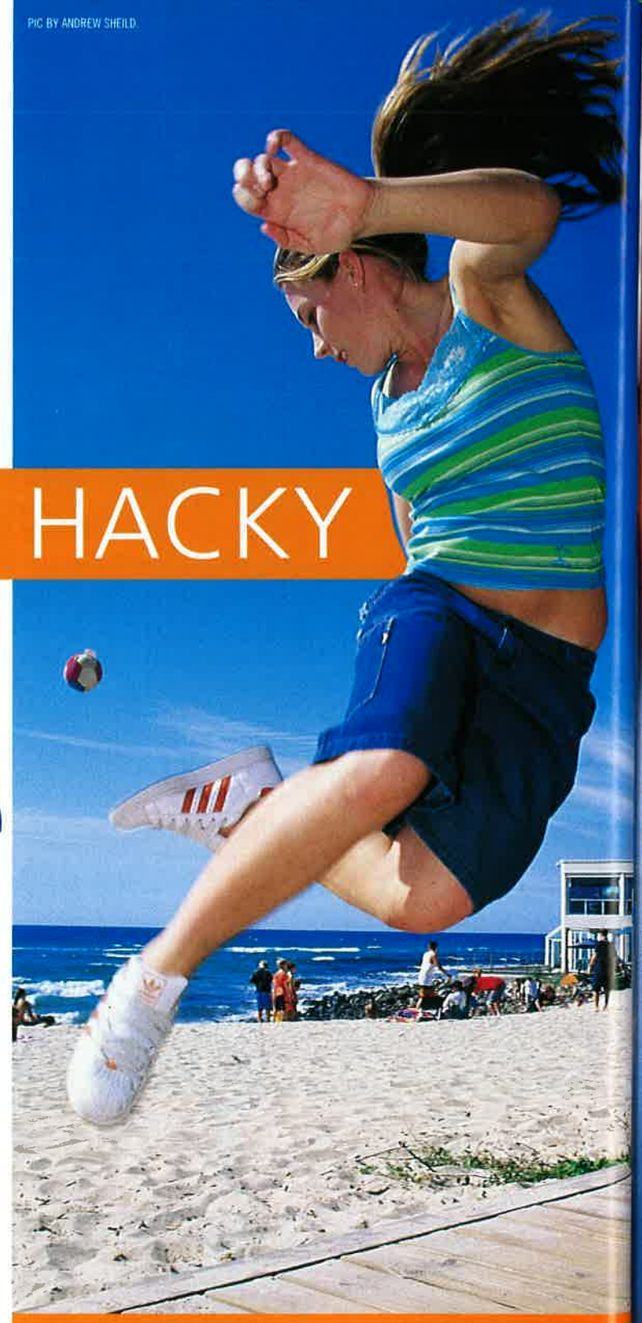

Hacky chick Erin Kindt > 17

★ **Started hacking ...**

About two years ago when my friend Jasmine gave me a hacky. We started kicking it around and it just went from there.

★ **The best thing about the sport?**

It's lots of fun. It can be anything you want it to be, it's a great way to meet people, relieve stress at school, muck around, and it's heaps of fun even if you suck! It also creates a peaceful and harmonious atmosphere, as opposed to most sports, which are competitive.

★ **What's the easiest "trick" to learn first?**

The toe stall. Simply kick the hacky up, become one with the hacky (easier said than done). Catch it on your toe, balancing it for a few moments before you pass it or do another trick. Once you've got that down, try the inside stall (balancing on inside part of your foot), outside stall (balancing on outside of foot) and knee stalls. Happy hacking!

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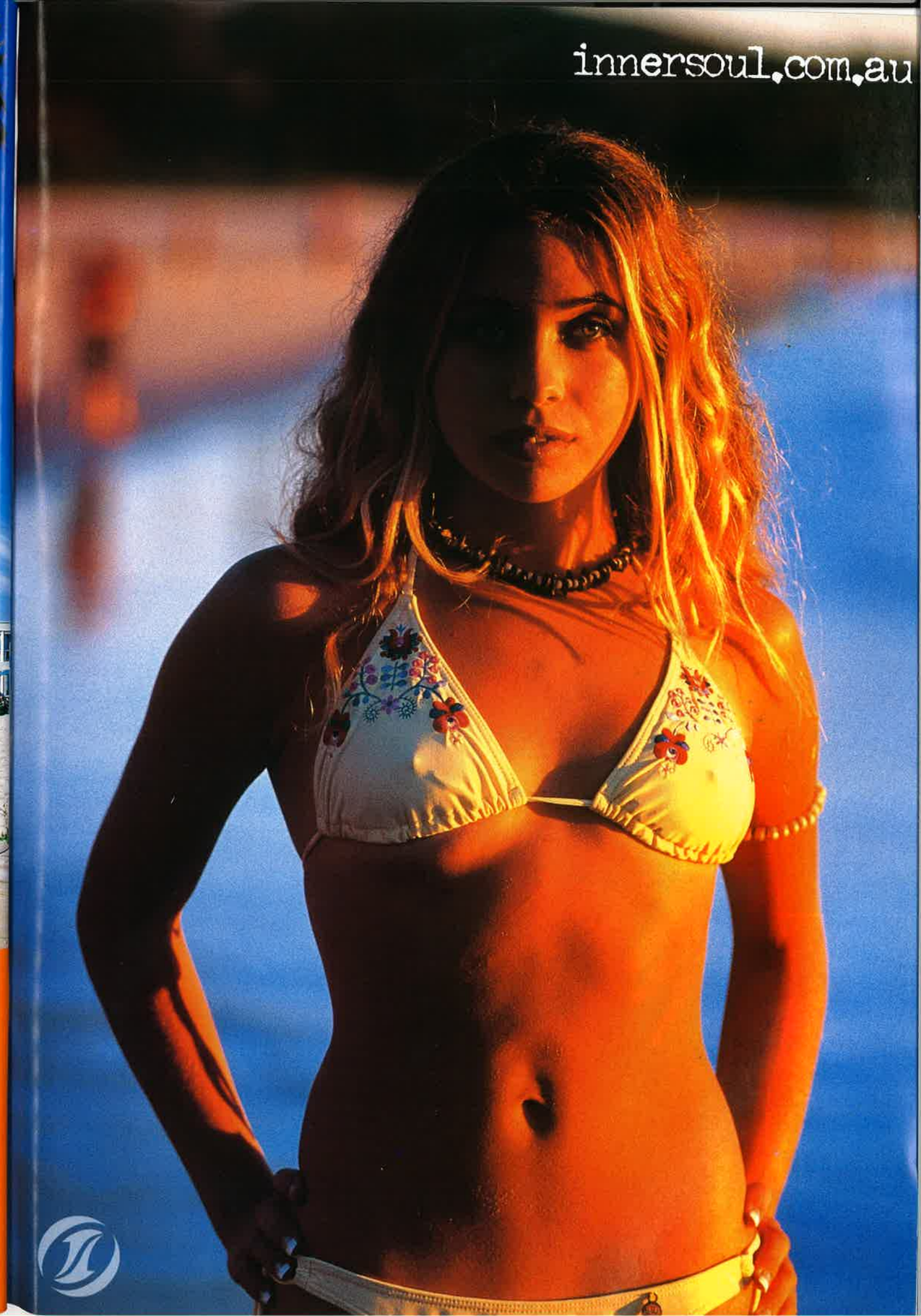

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Pocket design

step one

Sketch your own design on the pocket of your denim skirt using a chalk pencil or invisible pen (your sketch will eventually fade or wash out).

step two

Stitch over your sketch using back-stitch or running-stitch in any colour you choose. See below for stitching guide.

handy hint

The more strands of cotton you use the more your design will stand out. We have used four strands when stitching on the back pocket.

What you will need

- a denim skirt that needs a revamp
- small scraps of material
- DMC 100% cotton
- quilter's chalk pencil or invisible felt-tip pen
- sewing needle
- scissors

Front patch

step one

Sketch two circles on the front of your skirt, again using the chalk pencil or invisible pen. Sketch one circle inside the other and make it one cm in diameter.

handy hint

To create a perfectly round circle – trace around the top of a drinking glass.

step two

Using sharp scissors, cut out the inside circle to make the round hole in the front of your skirt.

step three

Place your small piece of scrap fabric behind this hole and pin to skirt.

step four

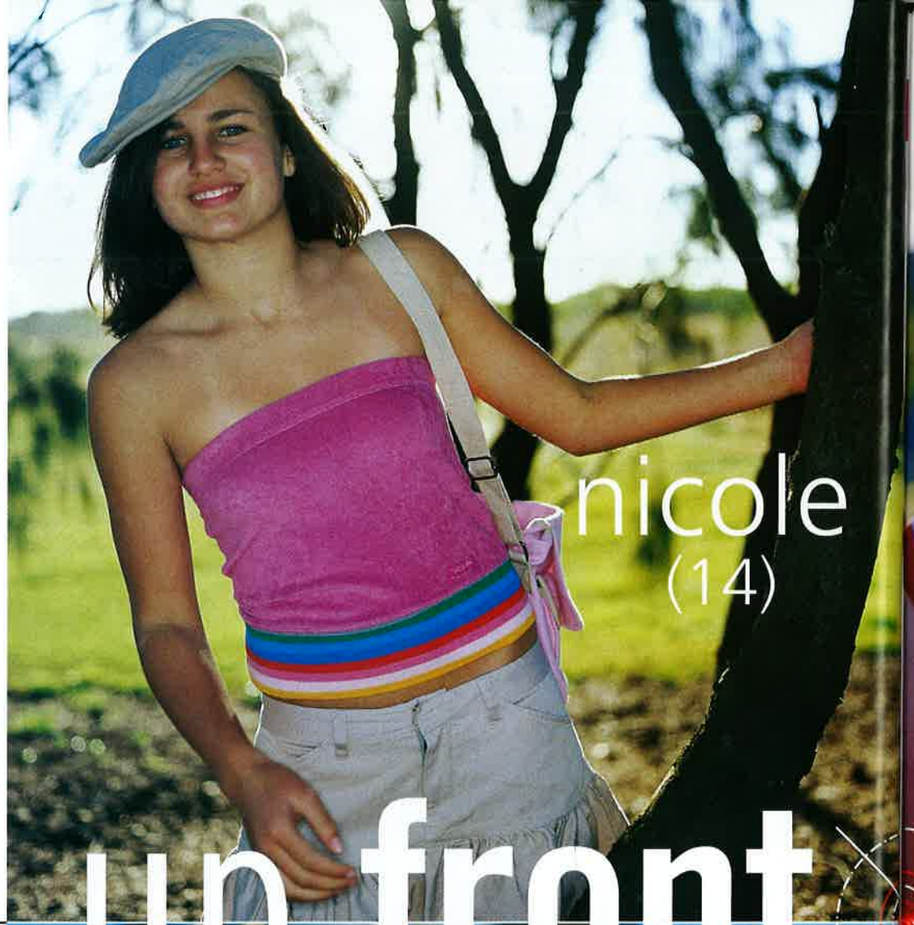
Use running stitch along the outer circle, making sure you catch the fabric and your skirt in each stitch.

step five

Fray and scruff-up the circle edge that was cut away.

up front

nicole (14)



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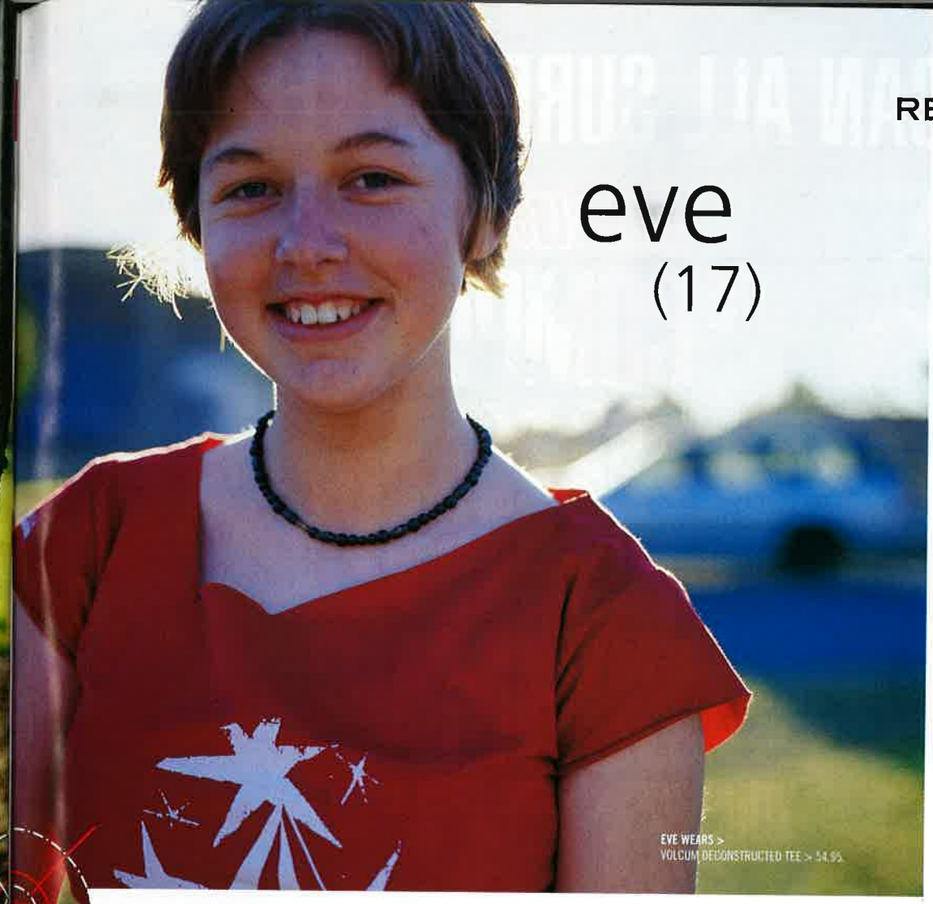
What's your favourite international food?
Greek food.
If you could go on a stealth-saving mission what country would you go to and why?
America, to get the kids off the streets.
What do you reckon is the best thing about living in Australia?
Freedom, choice, my friends, easy lifestyle.
Reckon you'll travel?
Yep, I'd love to go to Hawaii and America when I'm 18.
What's one thing you'd wanna learn from other countries?
Their fashion.
Would you rather:
a ride on an elephant's back through India
(b) travel through Paris on a train
c get a 60ft yacht and sail the islands.

eve (17)



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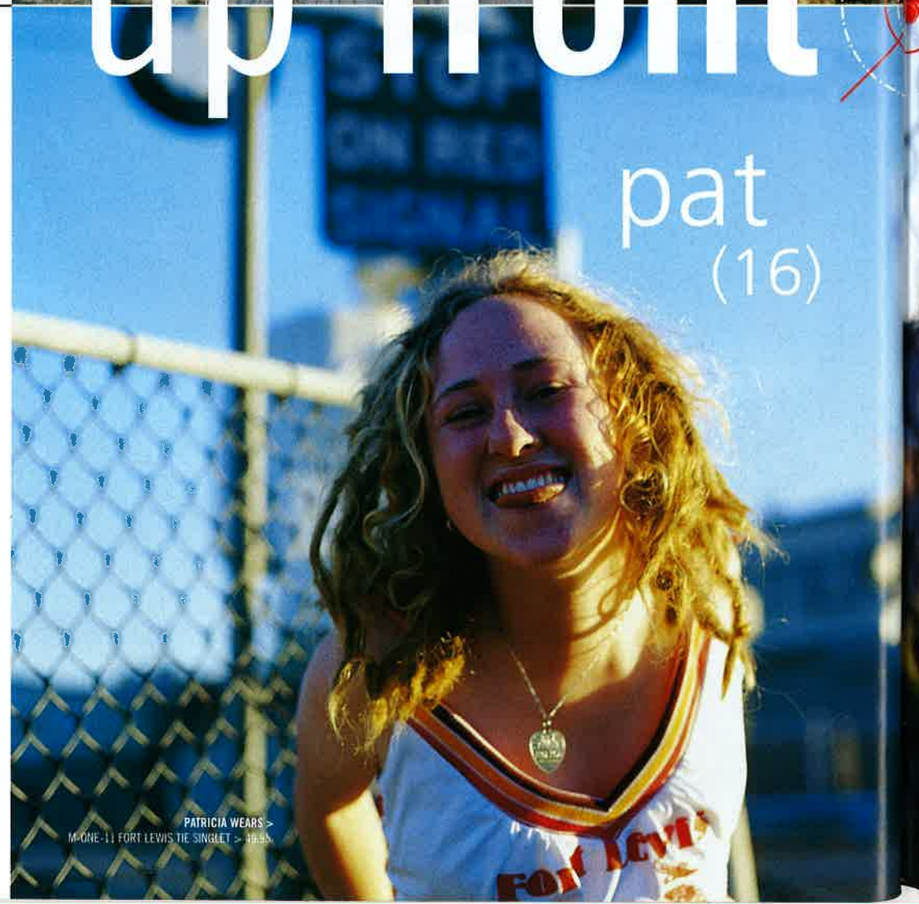
What would be your favourite place in the world to visit?
Ireland, because they have clovers.
What's your favourite international food?
I don't eat because I'm a supermodel.
If you could go on a stealth-saving mission what country would you go to and why?
New Zealand, because they do bad things to sheep.
What do you reckon is the best thing about living in Australia?
We have mullets.
Reckon you'll travel?
Yep. Hopefully – I'll go anywhere.
What's one thing you'd wanna learn from other countries?
Culture.
Would you rather:
(a) ride on an elephant's back through India
b travel through Paris on a train
c get a 60ft yacht and sail the islands.

We hit the streets and picked four girls to give us their thoughts on travel. Watch out – you could be next.

pat (16)



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What would be your favourite place in the world to visit?
Tonga – it's beautiful, and Paris – fashion central.
What's your favourite international food?
Frozen peas and New Zealand ice-cream.
If you could go on a stealth-saving mission what country would you go to and why?
Tasmania (self-explanatory).
What do you reckon is the best thing about living in Australia?
Freedom and safety. It's unique, people can get away with their own style – even mullets and leg warmers.
Reckon you'll travel?
Yeah – travelling is awesome. First around Australia, but then I'd travel the globe.
What's one thing you'd wanna learn from other countries?
Everything.
Would you rather:
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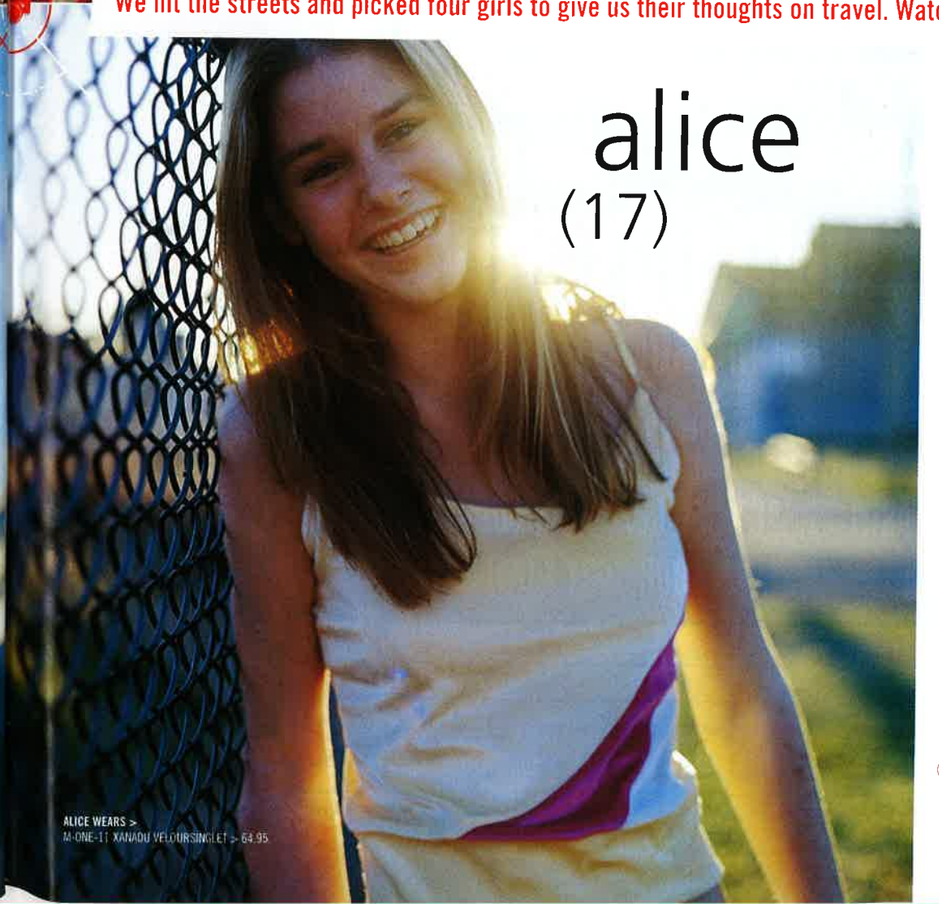
b travel through Paris on a train
(c) get a 60ft yacht and sail the islands.

alice (17)



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What would be your favourite place in the world to visit?
The Greek Isles, because they're beautiful.
What's your favourite international food?
Chinese food.
If you could go on a stealth-saving mission what country would you go to and why?
To East Timor to save the people from starvation.
What do you reckon is the best thing about living in Australia?
The guys, the beaches and the weather.
Reckon you'll travel?
Yep, when I've finished school and have more money. I'd love to go to Bali!
What's one thing you'd wanna learn from other countries?
I'd love to learn to speak Greek.
Would you rather:
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(c) get a 60ft yacht and sail the islands.

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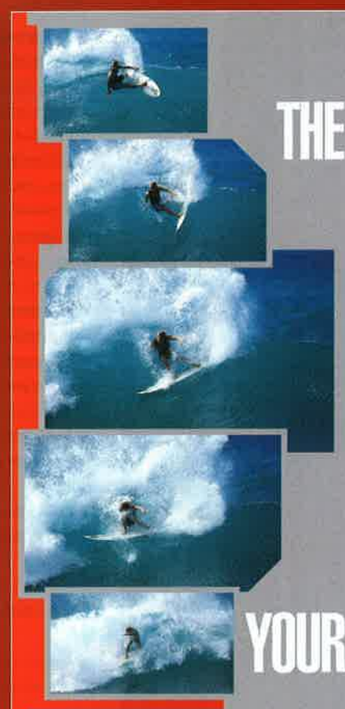

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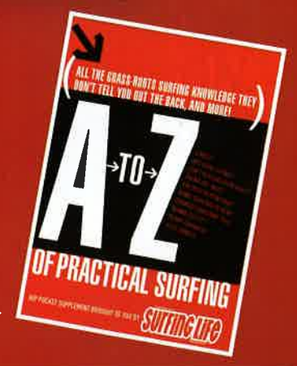

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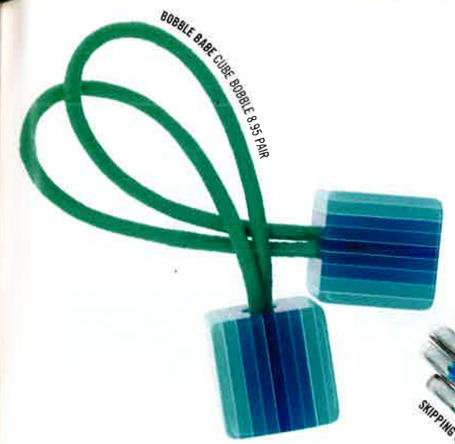

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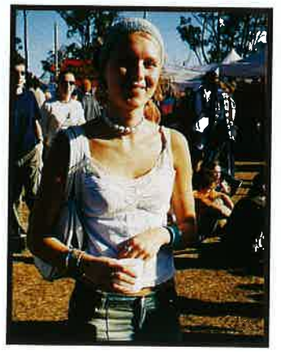

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"It says I'm mellow."

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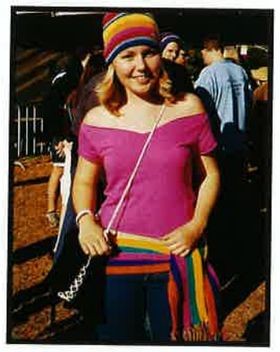

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"Bright and fun."

› FRANCES
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"Fun and happy."

› CHANTELLE
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"Outgoing."

› KATE
AGE :: 16
"It doesn't care what anyone thinks."

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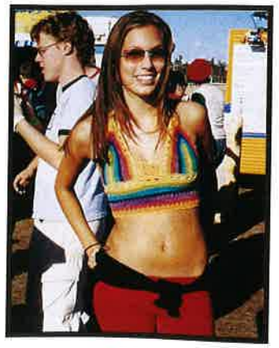

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Don't worry if you missed out this time, we'll give you a whole year to get your act together before we crash your nearest city again in 2003 ... watch this space!

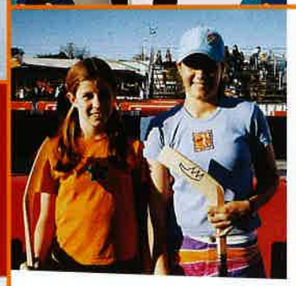
Megan
Tried > BMX
How come you tried it? "I wanted to give one of them a go and BMX seemed to come up."
Why should girls get involved in the clinics? "Because girls don't get enough credit for anything."
Give us one tip on getting over intimidation. "Just do it."

Emma, Michelle.
Tried > Inline blading
How come you tried it? "It looked like fun and we haven't jumped ramps before."
Why should girls get more involved in clinics? "'Cause it's mad fun."
Give us one tip on getting over intimidation. "Don't even think about it."

Madeline
Tried > Skateboarding
How come you tried it? "Because my brother was doing it."
Why should girls get involved in the clinics? "Because if guys can do it girls can do it."
Give us one good tip on getting over intimidation. "Just try not to care what guys think."

Pippa
Tried > Skateboarding
How come you entered? "'Cause it looked like fun."
Why should girls get involved in the clinics? "Just to try something new and get involved."
Give us one good tip on getting over intimidation. "Just be yourself and don't worry!"

Jessica
Tried > Skateboarding
How come you tried it? "I saw it on *The Big Arvo*."
Why should girls get involved in the clinics? "Because it's a guys sport and a girls sport."
Give us one good tip on overcoming intimidation. "Just don't care about it."



Jessica
Tried > Inline hockey.
How come you tried it? "'Cause my brother did it."
Why should girls get involved in the clinics? "Because it's not that scary."
Give us one good tip on getting over intimidation. "Don't think of the people watching you because they're not really watching you, they're watching everyone."

Laura
Tried > Inline hockey
How come you tried it? "Because it was exciting and challenging."
Why should girls get involved in the clinics? "Guys shouldn't have all the fun."
Give us one tip on getting over intimidation. "Just think you have to prove you can do it."

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It takes a lot of work to make a TV show run smoothly, but the team from *Pepsi Live* make it all look so easy. Take a peek behind the scenes to see how they do it.

DYLAN LEWIS – MUSIC GURU Dylan presents the show, reviews CDs, interviews the biggest and breaking acts, travels to festivals ... you name it. He's got the best job in the world! "I'm loving *Pepsi Live* right now. It's been on air for over a year and it's just getting better. I'm just soaking up the vibe of the show and I'm not going to lie – my job is a lot of work. I have to read about the bands all day and then interview most of them, travel around, go to festivals. It's the coolest job in the world."

JULIE HICKSON – EXECUTIVE PRODUCER

I've got the whole show in my head and make the real thing every week. When we changed the show to *Pepsi LIVE* I re-wrote the format for a music show that I thought was what people wanted, and judging by your responses, I think it is!

Sometimes I make little changes to keep it fresh. In TV the producer is like the director in film, so it's a creative job. When we're recording, lots of on-the-spot decisions are made by me – usually about Dylan's stuff and whether we'll get away with him saying rude or just plain freaky things! But also about the way we put interviews together etc.

The team all know their job – I just come in and fine-tune once they've started. We're all really good pals – and get excited about new bands, and who's got the best haircut, etc. We all go to lots of gigs to keep up with all the bands out there. And yes, it's true we do get lots of CDs – but you try listening to 30 CDs a week and you'll see where the job comes in!

WILL MAHER – PRODUCER

I assist the exec producer in two areas – the show and the shoot!! With the show, I assist in conceptualising each episode from the initial stage of band booking to selecting show content, organising each EP's music mix and designing rundowns; developing scripts, as well as completing the show in an edit suite.

The shoot is primarily about organising band details and scheduling the recording day. I'm on the phone to record companies and band management compiling their details from stage plots and input lists to special and sometimes bizarre rider requests.

On record days I'm the main point of contact between the show, record companies and bands. Scheduling the shoot is a vital part of my job. The key is to squeeze as much into the day as possible without the cookie jar exploding – always a possibility with tight deadlines, unpredictable technology and no overtime budget!! I'm also always updating on latest releases by listening to CDs and gig-pigging as much as possible – one of the coolest parts of the job. It rocks!!

LOUISE MALIK – PRODUCTION MANAGER

I'm responsible for the financial and technical details. This involves everything from managing the budget to organising crew, suppliers and equipment. It's my job to ensure that the logistics of the show run smoothly – basically the "nuts and bolts" person in the team. Much of my role is setting everything up so it falls into place on the day. On the shoot day itself I'm the main contact for the venue where we film the show and the crew. I mediate with location contacts for upcoming shows and band interviews, schedule edits, voice-overs and shoots for the series. It's a really fun job – particularly the music side and keeping up to date with what's new on the music scene. Also working with such a cool crew and production team is a real bonus.

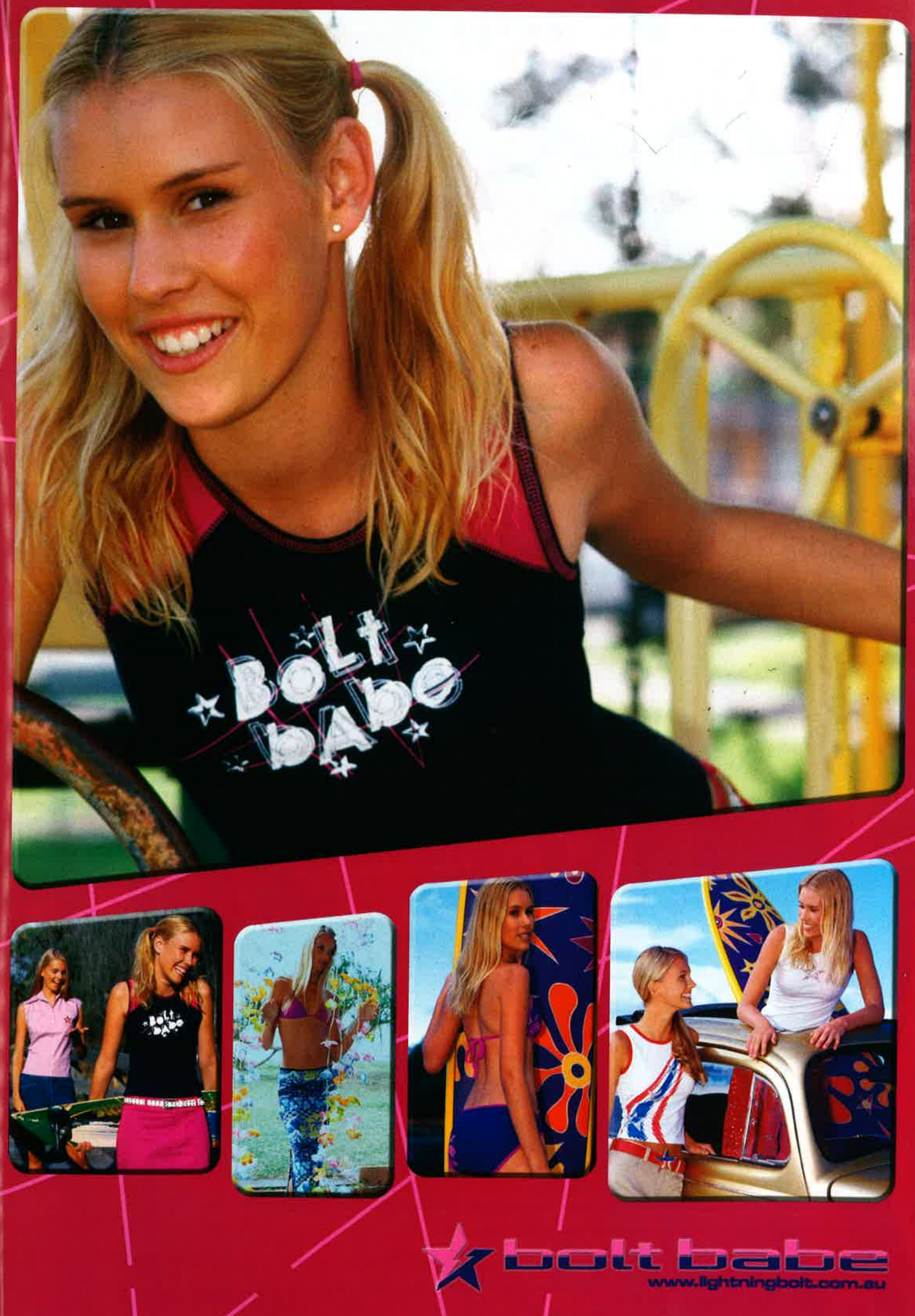
BRONWYN TASKER – RESEARCHER PRODUCTION CO-ORDINATOR

I have a varied and vital role within the team. As Researcher, I am responsible for sourcing information for Dylan on upcoming bands and guests, keeping up with all kinds of music news, going to gigs and getting industry information. I'm basically a general wealth of knowledge in the office on all things from computer work to chart positions to people's phone numbers.

I organise the crew and suppliers for our on-site recordings and on the day, look after our team of runners and help ensure everything goes smoothly. I also help out with the accounts side of things from time to time, as well as doing all the general office management duties. I describe my role as being the blood that flows between the organs – an essential part to making sure everything works.

HOW TO GET INTO IT

Although there's no specific training to get into these kinds of jobs, there are courses available which would be a definite advantage, like media, TV production and communications. Mostly, training is on the job and knowledge is gained through experience. Obviously, you need to have a thorough understanding of the industry (in this case music) so you can keep the show fresh and up to date. It's a very competitive industry but if you're someone with good organisation and administration skills, attention to detail and a lot of passion, persistance and patience then you've got a good head start.



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SURFING

Improves balance and stability as well as strengthens arm muscles when paddling into the surf and leg muscles when trying to stand on the board. Not to mention the awesome ways the salt, sand and sun make you feel so healthy!

WATERSKIING

A full-body workout, working biceps, deltoids, abdominals, calfs and quadriceps. The sport also gives you an adrenalin rush, especially when you have mastered it to include tricks and jumps.

SWIMMING

Regular swimming will build endurance, cardiovascular fitness and muscle strength. After a workout, such as running, swimming a few laps can help you cool down, move blood through your muscles to help them recover and help you relax. Can also be a form of meditation when swimming at a very slow pace as it will help relax and refresh you.

KAYAKING

Builds cardiovascular fitness and endurance as well as strengthening the upper body with the constant paddling of oars.

BEACH VOLLEYBALL

Gives a full-body workout, strengthening quadriceps, calfs, butt, abs, biceps, triceps and back muscles.

BEACH RUNNING

Its accessible, easy to learn, reduces stress, burns lots of calories, increases bone density and builds cardiovascular fitness. By running on sand your calfs and quadriceps muscles will get a great workout.

MOUNTAIN BIKE RIDING

Easy to learn because most people already know how to ride a bike. Builds cardiovascular fitness and endurance and really gets your adrenalin pumping.

KICK BOXING

Accessible, strengthens the body and the mind, decreases stress as well as increasing endurance and cardiovascular fitness. A great way to keep fit, but a good way to learn how to protect yourself.

No matter what sport you try you will find indirect benefits from participating in them. Plus – fitness aside – the life skills you will learn are priceless – sportsmanship, time management, self-confidence, self-discipline and goal setting.

Don't forget to drink loads of water when you're exercising, especially when playing sport in summer, because the increase in heat and humidity can lead to increased sweating, which results in more water loss. And wear sun cream whenever you're in the sun. And have fun, 'cause that's what it is all about.

REFUEL WITH FRUIT

During and after exercise you rarely feel like eating a huge meal so it is great to snack on fruit – which taste great, but is also a quick way to refuel your body.

Most fruits such as berries and cherries are high in Vitamin C (which promotes healthy gums and teeth), potassium (helps control the body's fluid balance, plus it's needed for muscles to contract and the proper functioning of heart and kidneys) and fibre (reduces cholesterol and risk of heart disease), where as peaches, mangoes and melons also contain Vitamin A (helps maintain healthy teeth, skeletal and soft tissue and skin). Bananas and apples are high in fibre and grapes are packed with nutritional power containing antioxidants that can help prevent heart disease. And kiwi fruits are also a good source of Vitamin E (protects body tissue from damage and is important in the formation of red blood cells). Pineapple also contains an enzyme that helps the digestive system.

Don't like straight fruit? Try this >
Add a piece of fruit to ice cubes or mash up fruit and make frozen fruit cubes – you will get all the nutritional value from the fruit as well boosting your fluid intake!

THE PANEL

Need some advice about absolutely anything? Wanna chat to some totally cool but wise elders?

Then this is the place for you! Grab your pen and send your letter to Chick mag, "The Panel", PO Box 823, Burleigh Heads, QLD. 4220.

Dylan Lewis, Presenter, Pepsi-Live

I'm really good at ... learning, listening, laughing and loving.

My most embarrassing moment was when ... I tried to interview Britney S for *Pepsi Live* for the second time. I was wearing a security t-shirt and when she put out her hand, I thought she was ready to shake mine and start our chat, but no, she just wanted the mic to speak to her fans – without the the annoying guy in the security t-shirt..

The biggest challenge I've overcome was ... was surviving the Big Brother experience.

Serena Brooke, Pro-Surfer, Ocean

I'm really good at ... trying new things, badminton, getting upgrades on airlines.

My most embarrassing moment was when ... I got caught taking a poop in the surf.

The biggest challenge I've overcome ... was believing in myself enough to go on tour.

Rosie Beaton, Presenter, Triple J

I'm really good at ... having a laugh at myself

My most embarrassing moment was when ... I was pulled over by the cops in a spider outfit with the full web cape and makeup and then was so freaked out by the incident I drove through the back yard of a friend's party – what an entrance.

The biggest challenge I've overcome ... believing anything you want in life is possible even when you think it isn't.

Andrew G, Presenter, Channel V

I'm really good at ... saying precisely the wrong thing at precisely the wrong time.

My most embarrassing moment was when ... I was doing a crossback to the station (I used to work on radio). I asked the winner when she was expecting. She replied to me and the 800 000 listeners that she WASN'T pregnant. Ouch.

The biggest challenge I've overcome ... is controlling my reactions to certain situations.

SELF CONCIOUS

Dear The Panel,
Sometimes I feel really self-conscious about how I look. I know I shouldn't care about what other people think, but it's easier said than done. Especially when you're going through adolescence and you're the only one getting zits. It makes it worse when people judge you by how you look. Sometimes I get so down and depressed. I really try not to feel so self-conscious. Am I the only one that feels like this? What can I do to help myself feel better?
– Lize, NSW

Lize,
Sorry to hear you'e down. You're definitely not the only one with these problems! It's hard on anyone going through puberty to feel comfortable within themselves. Try not to let other people's opinions affect your happiness – be happy and comfortable within yourself and nobody else will matter. If you try to act unaffected by their comments they will most probably give up. Keep your chin up.
Serena.

Dear Lize,
Yes – you're the only one who feels like that ... hah ... only kidding!! Look – I'm 29 and still getting zits, still getting judged for how I look and still feel self-conscious – I just made a career out of it for myself.
Embrace the now. Love who you are. Eventually you shall win.
Dylan

Hello Lize
All your friends are going through the same feelings and changes. When your body is changing it takes time to get used to the new bumps and hormones – this is normal. Try not to fret too much or get paranoid that people are looking and staring because they're not. In a couple of years you will think "What was I freaking about" and everything will fall into place.
Rosie

Lize!
Let me type this in a way to emphasise what I am about to say. EVERYONE is as insecure about the way they look as everyone else!! Your body does some pretty kooky things when you're growing up, and you just have to ride it out. But when you're in it, it sucks. Accept that you cannot control what your body is doing. If people confront you, they're just showing their own fear. Keep eating right, try and exercise and you'll be doing your bit towards riding the hormone wave all the way towards adulthood.
x andrewg
(I'm just lucky to have a wardrobe person to tell me what to wear and a make-up artist to cover up the zits when I'm on TV!)

PARENT TROUBLE

Dear Panel,
My whole life I've pretty much depended on myself. I have an older brother who had trouble at school but excelled in sports and other distractions. My mum and dad were always busy with him and never really took time out for me. The only times I felt I was noticed within my family was whenever my mum would bug me about my weight and complain to her friends that I was overweight. I've grown up a little now and have lost the weight and my brother has moved out. Now, all of a sudden my mum and dad have suddenly focused on me and I can't handle the constant pressure. I'm so used to doing things by myself and organising, but now my mum feels she has to do them for me. I've told her not to, but she always gets in my way. We have a lot of fights and dad always sides with her. What can I do to make them understand the way I am?
– Carly, 16, NSW

Carly
The best way to have your parents understand you is to sit down and communicate with them. They will not be able to read your mind and probably don't even know as much as you have just told me in this letter. I suggest writing them a letter if you don't get a chance to get your feelings across, then you can get everything out without being interrupted or emotionally angry or upset. They should understand your point of view, but want to be a part of your life just the same. Let them know how you feel.
Best of luck,
Serena

Dear Carly,
I think you should get an eyebrow, lip and nose piercing and a big tattoo on your forehead. Then they won't bug you – they'll respect you and treat you like the adult you are. Sixteen years old? Punk's not dead.
Dylan

Hi Carly
You are an independent, intelligent girl – good on you. Sounds like you haven't been affected by your mum's taunts over the years which is good. Maybe your parents have realised how much you were in the background over the years and are trying to make up for it. It may be good to tell them everything you have told us and let off some steam – say "Hey, I learnt how to fend for myself for years and I'm not used to this now Mum and Dad. I appreciate all your help but don't go too overboard – I'm not a baby any more." Parents are funny – they start to freak when their kids grow up and they need to prove they are still needed – everything will be fine – talk to them honestly and openly and they will see how together their daughter is.
Rosie

Carly,
Your folks are probably feeling pretty guilty about ignoring you all this time. It's important to realise that this is their first time too, raising a family and having kids, so they make mistakes too. Let them know how you feel, and how the situation looked from your side of things. It's really important not to dwell on the past, and even more important to forgive your folks. How do you get on with your brother? Now that he's moved out can you talk to him more one on one? Maybe he could have a word to your folks. Carly, it's all good. You sound like you're pretty independent already and your parents have just realised they've missed out on something. Let them "mother" you just a little, it will make them feel more like they are doing their job.
x andrewg

WHAT TO DO?

Dear The Panel,
I'm a girl who loves designing stuff – I'm an op-shop freak who constantly mixes and matches and makes things. I also like organising things – like parties and gatherings with my mates ... I'm a bit stuck on what career path I should take. What do you guys reckon?
– Sal, 17, NSW

Sal,
I would suggest you do whatever you are most drawn to – just follow your intuition and believe in yourself. Maybe do a design course and see how you like it? Could be totally insane or maybe it won't crack up to your expectation, you just have to give it a go and see how you feel. Best of luck.
Serena.

Dear Sal,
A career in being a professional socialite would be an option. To start this career, I'd suggest gaining a large inheritance first or marrying a rich old guy who's about to die.
Dylan.

Sal
Sounds like you would enjoy working as a stylist for telly, film or fashion. They are the people that source clothes for a particular look and style for the models/presenters, etc. Try and get some work experience in a wardrobe dept for TV or fashion shoot and see if this type of career suits you.
Rosie

Sal,
At 17 all I knew was that I wanted to be in rock 'n' roll. There weren't any courses in that subject, but I did find one a year out of school. In this day and age, you make your own career. Take steps to set yourself up properly, however, do a course on basic accounting and business practice, so you'll be set up if you need to start your own label. Brush up on all the legal stuff that you need to know like import/export rules if you're making clothing, and public liability if you're organising parties. And other than that, just make it happen! While I make this sound kind of easy, you should know that I spent quite a bit of time down in the Centrelink queue before I finally got my head together about where to go with my life. Try hard to keep going in the direction that you choose and trust something will come up – it always does.
x andrewg

BESTIES BROTHER

Dear Panel,
My best friend and I spend a lot of time together. I spend a lot of time with her family as well. She has an older brother who is really nice and cute. Recently when we went camping together her brother and I made out. I told my bestie and she said it was cool and she didn't mind. But something tells me she may not be telling me the truth. To make things more complicated her mum found out I was with her son and she's banned me from coming over. My b/f and I are still really close, but we don't get to see each other as much.

'I think you should get an eyebrow, lip and nose piercing and a big tattoo on your forehead. Then they won't bug you – they'll respect you and treat you like the adult you are. Sixteen years old? Punk's not dead.'

Also it seems that her bro isn't interested in me if I don't get to go to his house. What can I do to fix things up between the three of us?
– Tracey, QLD, 15

Tracey
I suggest if the boy is not interested about putting some effort in from his side eg; meeting after school, movies, hanging out at school or your house he's not worth it. And secondly, if you and your best friend are banned from hanging out at her house than why not go to your house? It is posible to make it work with your boyfriend and your friend – it just depends on how much effort you want to put in. Have a think about it and decide what's important to you, then go for it. Good luck, **Serena**

Tracey, Tracey, Tracey...
If you pash your bestest buddy's bro, it'll end up in tears. It's the oldest one in the book. If her bro is true love and you truly love your best bud then maybe it'll work itself out in the future. If you're not sure about her bro, I don't reckon it's worth sacrificing your friendship for this potential fling of convenience. Word.
Dylan

Hello Tracey
This seems like a complicated situation. I don't know why the mother had to ban you from the house though. Maybe lay low for a while. It's hard when you have feelings for your friend's brother. It does seem that it may have just been a bit of a pash'n'dash and maybe he wants to be your friend. Confront your best friend, ask her what the deal is, clear the air and it will all sort itself out.
Rosie

Tracey,
I think you know what to do already! He's not interested unless you go over to his house?? All hands and no heart? I'm sure it's really flattering and empowering to be wanted by an older guy, but generally, older guys are usually interested in younger girls for one thing. Just be really sure what you both want out of the relationship. Your mate's Mum banning you from coming over may be a good thing, as she knows her son better that you do, and probably is predicting his intentions well. There are a gazillion guys out there, so don't worry too much about it. Patch things up with your best friend. It's so important to have a support group of people around you. In these days of email, a few kind words from a childhood mate, can get me though a tough week, and it doesn't even matter that he's hiking in Bolivia at the moment.
x andrewg

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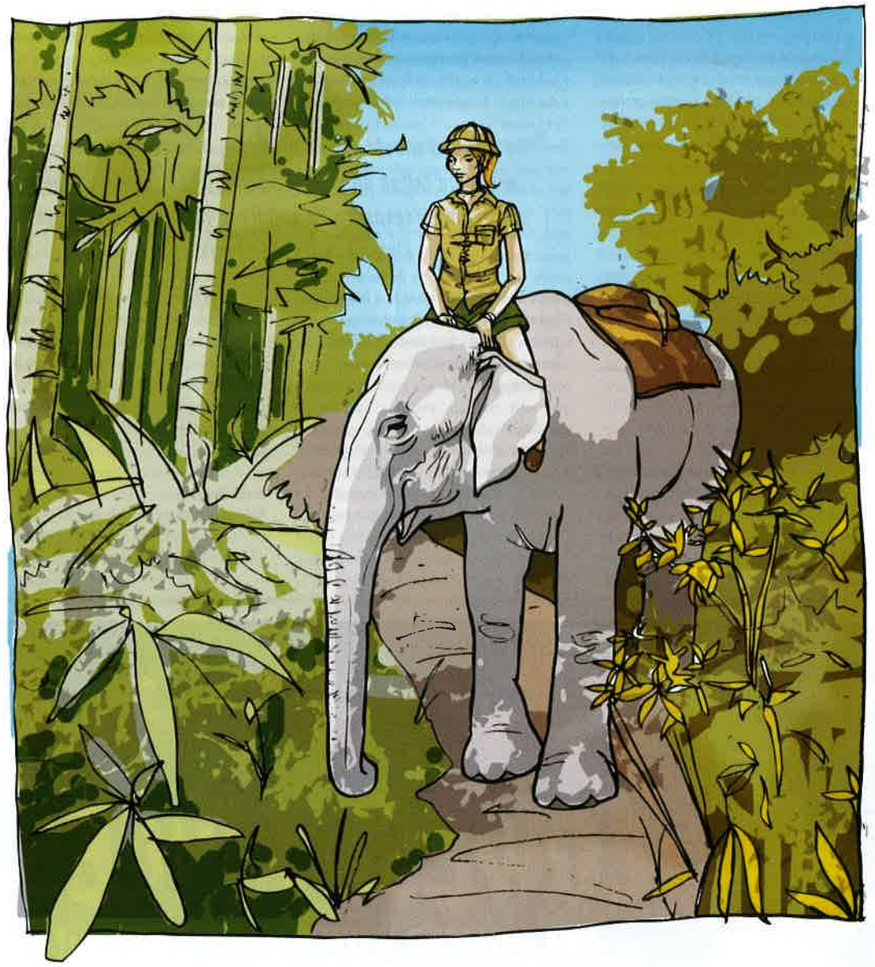

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a The top of the Eiffel Tower in Paris.

b The back of an elephant trekking through the jungle.

c The peak of Mount Kosciusko in New South Wales.

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b *Bali on a Shoestring.*

c *Lonely Planet guide to Spain.*

It's snow season! You've been hanging for some powder so you pack your snowboard and head to ...

a Trondheim in Norway.

b The Italian Alps

c Queenstown in New Zealand.

On your travels where would you spend the night?

a On your mate's couch or in your second cousin's spare room.

b In a comfy bed in a hotel with your own en suite.

c In a bunk in a youth hostel or backpackers.

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c Getting shown 'round by your mate who's a local, seeing the sights and meeting friends of friends.

6 Wanting to get into the feel of your holiday you decide to taste the local delicacy even though it sounds disgusting. You take a deep breath and take a bite of ...

a A witchetty grub.

b A garlic snail.

c Raw duck eggs.

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Posh Traveller 24-30

Europe is the place for you dahling. The people are so much more cultured and stimulating than us Aussies. You can dine in the fine restaurants of Paris, ski the Italian Alps with a Greek adonis and finally find some authentic Gucci! You've even asked the Queen if she'd mind showing you 'round Buckingham Palace. She might set you up with her grandson if you make a good impression!

Adventure Traveller 31-40

You don't want to see the world from behind the window of a tour bus – you want to be in amongst the action. So you've mapped out your trip to include a trek through the Sahara on the back of a camel, swinging from vines with gorillas in the Amazon and popping in for a quick visit to the village of a man-eating tribe in deepest, darkest Peru. (They don't eat women too do they?)

Budget Traveller 41-48

With funds so short you have do things the budget way, but there's nothing wrong that. Perhaps you could include a Third World country on your itinerary so you feel rich for once. You'll meet plenty of dreadlocked backpackers on your international couch-crashing journey who'll be happy to have you tag along. One more in the back of the Kombi won't matter! Next stop? Amsterdam!

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